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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jann Otvos



It's a brand new year – 2010. Wasn't it just yesterday we were all being told that our world was going to collapse in a heap of Y2K muddle? It seems to me that the only change of substance we have had to make is the need to write a four-digit year instead of a two-digit year on all of the annoying forms we fill out for everything.

The annual Toll Bridge Tolerers planning meeting will be held on January 10th at 1:30. The place had been changed to the First Lutheran Church in Concord – our usual meeting place. Thank you to Darlene for arranging this for us. All board members are expected at the meeting, committee chairs are encouraged to attend and all members are invited to come. At the meeting we will prepare the budget, discuss goals and plan events for the year. If you have any comments or concerns and are unable to attend, please call or email me or any officer with them and we will be glad to bring them up at the meeting in your behalf.

We have a busy year ahead of us. Arlene Lynton will be coming to teach and it is an NCCC year as well. Our annual Bunko fundraiser and our summer picnic are eagerly anticipated, as are the Easter and Christmas ornament exchanges. Paint-ins are being talked about and tole train ideas are being sought. I'm excited – hope you are as well.

Jann

PROGRAMS

Connie Oakley
1st Vice President



I hope everyone had a safe and very Happy New Year!

At our January meeting we will be painting memory boxes. Merlene will be bringing the base coated boxes, patterns, and paint for us. Please bring your usual painting supplies.

MEMBERSHIP

Jeanie Strech
2nd Vice President



The Christmas dinner at the Holiday Inn was fantastic! Everyone had such a good time and the decorations were awesome!

Currently, we have 60 returning and new members for 2010. There are some members who still have not renewed their membership and we would like to know as soon as possible how many total members we have as we begin the new year. We are working to get this year's handbook published so if you would like to be included in the handbook, please renew your membership as soon as possible.

Twenty members received the "Sweet Tator" award at the Christmas dinner for this year. My record keeping will be much better this coming year so I have made it a little harder by increasing the number of chapter sponsored

events to 10 events for 2010. So help support your chapter as you never know how many eyes are watching for those special people.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanie Strech



SEMINARS-PAINT-INS

Roz Borgerson and Connie Oakley

Below are the two projects that have been selected to be taught at the seminar.



Roz and Connie will have the seminar registration form out soon for Arlene's seminar.

Roz and Connie

NCCC UPDATE

Jann Otvos, Karen Vecchi, Barbara Flavin

The NCCC reps will be voting on the projects submitted for classes and the retreat logo at their January 9th meeting in Manteca. The projects with the most votes will be selected and then scheduled for the retreat. The retreat schedule should be available on-line by February 1st at www.ncccinfo.com. The retreat booklet will only be available through the NCCC website and can be printed individually or by your chapter rep (Karen, Barb or Jann) for members who do not have access to the web. NCCC is not planning on printing any booklets which will help save on retreat costs. We will advise our members as soon as the registration is open for the 2010 retreat which will be held at the Double Tree Inn in Modesto from Thursday night for Make-it-Take-Its on September 30 to Sunday morning brunch on October 3rd. Classes are held Friday and Saturday. The TBT's chapter responsibility is retreat decorations which we will be coordinating with the Wine Country Chapter. The chapter also has to provide 3 raffle prizes and members are also encouraged to donate raffle prizes. The chapter will also host one of the make-it-take-it projects. Plan on coming to the 2010 NCCC Retreat!

PAINT-IN FOR NCCC RETREAT DECORATIONS

Barbara Flavin & Jeannie Strech

Wine Country Decorative Artists is in charge of preparing decorations for the 2010 NCCC Retreat and Toll Bridge Tolers voted to assist them in that task.

If you've ever attended NCCC, you know how much fun it is to see all the decorations--especially those being used as table decorations in the dining room. The goal is to make sure enough table decorations are painted so that each attendee will be able to take home a souvenir at the close of Retreat. We also like to paint one special decoration for each table that will be won via drawings at the end of Retreat's last meal together.

We would love to have you join us and lend a hand in painting these decorations (we'd also enjoy your company). It's a great way to make new friends and to get to know current friends even better--and you'll be helping to ensure that all Retreat attendees have a memorable souvenir.

If you'd like to join us but need a ride, let Jeanie know--by phone please, since her email address has been terminated with no future plans for obtaining a new email address. She'll know who's coming and can help coordinate car pools.

The first meeting and painting session will be held at Jeanie Strech's home studio in Windsor (date, address and time follows). Additional painting sessions will be scheduled and will rotate between Wine Country's area and Toll Bridge Tolers' area. If you'd like to host a painting session, please be sure to let Jeanie know! We'll also have plenty of opportunity to bring pieces home to paint in our own homes as we can, once we get started.

When: January 16 (this is a Saturday)

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: 7807 Dove Lane, Windsor, CA (once we get there we can unload our painting supplies and passengers, then we'll drive our cars to the lot next door to park for the day--Ernie will be there to guide us). Note that this address differs from the one shown in our handbook.

Jeanie's Phone Number: 1-707-838-6489

Jeanie will be providing paints and patterns--we just need to bring our own painting supplies (brushes, palettes, water bins, paper towels, graphite, etc.)

We need to bring our own lunches and drinks and Jeanie will provide dessert for us. She'll also have coffee, water, tea, hot chocolate and hot cider. Thank you!



WAYS & MEANS

Liz Doran

Ways and Means is busy working on fundraising activities for 2010. More information will follow in future newsletters. (Editors Note)



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Merlene Ryan

Keep in mind, paint your memory boxes. Come to the January meeting and paint boxes. Donate to the church's crab feed. Think about a painted project for the Food Bank in June. Tell me if you are willing to help. Then I can call on you when something new comes up. Merlene



ELECTION FUNDRAISER

Merlene Ryan

June 8, 2010 is the primary election. I have the paperwork already and it needs to be sent in by April 16th. So the easy last chance to connect with me is the March meeting. It's an easy and painless way to donate dollars to the club. I'm not recommending you take off work but if you are available (most of us just do half days) it's fun and easy. You do go to training and we get paid for that also. Some of us have done both the on-line and in person training.

Talk to one of the ladies who has volunteered, Barb Flavin, Jann Otvos, Connie Oakley, Shirley Irwin, Virginia Davison, Barbara Bouchet. This is just a partial list. You do need to be a registered voter and a Contra Costa Resident. I'm sure other counties have the same program, I'm just doing Contra Costa. Merlene

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

You will need to log onto the website and read or print the newsletter from there. If you need assistance, please contact Marianne Simpson at maritoler@comcast.net or Loretta Mateik at lmateik@comcast.net. You must have Adobe Acrobat Reader to access and print your newsletter. 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.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL CRAB FEED

SAVE THE DATE: January 30, 2010. Tickets are available for \$45 per person or \$325 for a table of eight. Contact the Church office at 925-671-9942 for tickets or contact Darlene Smith for further information at 925-689-8557.

Anyone donating a painted piece for the crab feed raffle can bring the item to the January meeting. Thank you.

"THE TRADING POST"

Free Accommodations: The 2010 SDP Convention is in Wichita, KS. My brother lives there, so I can offer someone a free bed. No hotel bill might make a difference. Merlene

Classes: I've had a request for a night class and another for a beginner class. If you know anyone interested, call or e-mail me. I'm writing down names this time so I won't forget. I have morning classes on-going, there's always room for one more. Merlene

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Marianne Simpson

February 18-20, 2010 Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. **AMERICA'S 2nd ANNUAL QUILT, CRAFT & SEWING FESTIVAL.** San Mateo Event Center. See last page of this newsletter for more information.

If anyone knows of any craft fairs or events coming up, please pass the information on to me so I can list it in the upcoming Newsletters. Thanks

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS HOLIDAY



DINNER MEETING

Holiday Inn, Concord, CA
December 15, 2009

The special meeting was called to order by President Jann Otvos following the delicious dinner at the Holiday Inn.

The first item of business was the tabled motion from the November meeting regarding teacher awards for the NCCC retreat. The motion stated: Any active Toll Bridge Toler member in good standing during the 2009 membership year who is selected to teach at the 2010 NCCC Retreat may apply for an award of \$50.00. Discussion followed and a secret ballot was taken. The motion passed by a vote of 32 yes and 6 no.

The second item was the announcement of the 2010 Planning Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 10th at 1:30 p.m. at Jann Otvos' home. Jann advised all board members are expected to attend and committee chairs are encouraged to attend. Other members are also welcomed. The 2010 budget, calendar, goals and priorities will be drawn up at the meeting. Anyone unable to attend was asked to call or email any changes or comments to Jann or a board member. **(Please note: Since the submission of these minutes, the location of the Planning Meeting has been changed to the First Lutheran Church in Concord. The date and time remain the same as noted above).**

The above items of business were followed by a Special Member Recognition of SweetTaters by Jeanie Stretch. Jann then introduced and thanked the 2009 officers and introduced the 2010 officers. The 2009 painting committee was also thanked followed by the arrival of Santa Claus and presentation of the painted table decorations.

Special thanks to Loretta Mateik for the wonderful slide show of TBT happenings during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Smith, Secretary



SUNSHINE

Jann Otvos

January

1/1 Jo Iaconis
1/1 Vicki Burton
1/7 Carrie Rice
1/14 Loretta Mateik

February

2/2 Roz Borgerson
2/4 Beth Pierce
2/9 Teri Hallock
2/12 Rosalie Reed
2/18 Lucille Hart
2/19 Shirley Irwin
2/23 Sheila Stepp
2/26 Holley Yarberr
2/28 Delta Lamb
2/28 Carl Larsen

As always, if you know of someone in need of a little "Sunshine", please let me know.



HOSPITALITY

Barbara Bouchet



Snacks: Barb Flavin, Carrie Garrett, DJ West and Sonia Wilkinson

Beverages: Beth Pierce, Liz Little and Roz Borgerson

Ice: Cathy McCaughey

Thanks, Barbara Bouchet, Hospitality.

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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When: February 18-20, 2010 Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

IT'S HERE – AMERICA'S 2nd ANNUAL QUILT, CRAFT & SEWING FESTIVAL COMES BACK TO THE BAY AREA

What: The San Mateo Event Center will host the extremely popular Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 18-20, 2010. The promoters of the event, the Rusty Barn Promotion Group (Rusty Barn) are pleased to bring their widely successful event back to the Bay Area. Other shows have come and gone, but this fifteen year company and its seasoned events is sure to WOW all those in attendance. The Festival features every brand of sewing, quilting and embroidery machines from your very best Bay Area dealers. Other sewing, quilting, needle-art, knitting, rubber stamping, embossing, scrapbooking and creative arts vendors will show the very latest in tools, supplies and patterns. The event is already sold out with the very best in exhibitors from across the country.

Where: San Mateo Event Center, Fiesta Hall, 2495 So. Delaware Street, San Mateo CA 94403

Parking: \$8.00 per car

Admission: \$10.00 for a 3-day pass. Don't Miss Out on this.

Public Info: <http://quiltcraftsew.com>

At the **Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival** you will find a wide variety of Sewing, Quilting, Needle-Art and Craft supply exhibits from many quality companies. In addition, you will have the opportunity to participate in one or more of the many "Make and Take" workshops or FREE educational seminars. Your ticket is good for all 3 days of the show, so please take your time and don't miss any of the exciting new products, techniques or educational ideas.