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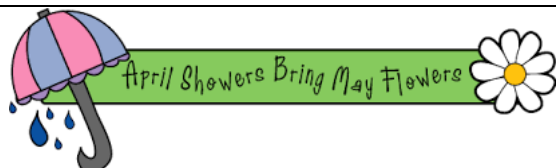
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey
President

Thanks to Merlene, Connie, Sue Shimansky and Ronnie for making our seminar with Cheri Rol a big success. Merlene planned the seminar and hosted Saturday's class at her house. Connie jumped through hoops to get the Sunday class at her clubhouse. Sue helped with the lunch on Sunday and Cheri and her husband, Larry stayed with Ronnie and she provided navigation for them to get to both days.

"If you only do what you can do, you'll never be better than what you are" (Master Shifu from Kung Fu Panda 3). Although the majority of our chapter membership primarily paints in acrylics, it was encouraging to see the number of members who signed up to paint in oils and try a different painting style. Besides Cheri's oil painting seminar during the past year we have stretched our painting experiences with classes and seminars with quikwood (Lisa), multi-media (Merlene & Karen), a painted flower box using Bristol vellum paper and floral wire (Jann and Cathy) and with wood burning and painting on wooden bowls (Ruth Small).

Thanks to the support of our membership, we have been given opportunities through chapter sponsored events to become better painters, crafters, and artists.

There are more exciting events in store for our members to participate in throughout the remainder of 2016 with our 20th year anniversary celebration in July, the Bunko fundraiser in August, an upcoming seminar with Jillybean

in October, and our Holiday Dinner/Officer Installation/Ornament exchange in December.

Cathy



PROGRAMS

Tamara Mannon
1st Vice President

WOW, what a turnout we had at the March meeting. We had an Easter exchange with wonderful items from ornaments to a glass chick. As for the March program, we had an overwhelming interest for Marianne's project --an awesome bunny candle holder designed by Tami Carmody (<http://wisteriapainting.com>). Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the project and finished it just in time for Easter. THANK YOU Marianne. That was a fun project!!!!!! For the April program, Shirley has a Gail Anderson floral project. Shirley will be providing the project pattern and paint. All you have to do is bring your choice of 4 x 6 surface prepped in black, white graphite, and your regular painting supplies. The surface can be an oval wood plaque, or a box, or whatever you wish to use to paint on. The cost for the project is \$3.00.



Tamara



MEMBERSHIP

Karen Vecchi
2nd Vice President

March was exciting an exciting month with our Cheri Rol seminar working with oils and Marianne's cute Easter project at our monthly meeting. We also received another membership - DJ West renewed her membership and also brought a guest, David to Cheri's seminar. We are always happy to have guests and share our love of decorative painting.

You should have received your new SDP number. Some people had a number added in front of their old SDP number and some people had a completely new number. I need to get everyone's new number so please e-mail me with your information so we can update our club records.

If you have not paid your club dues, it is not too late. Please send a check for \$15 and form to Toll Bridge Tolers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553 and don't forget to pay your National dues as well (www.decorativepainters.org). If you need any assistance, I would be happy to help.

Karen



WAYS AND MEANS

Trish Bertolucci

Karen Vecchi donated the special raffle for our March meeting. It was a beautiful basket filled with a quilted Easter wall hanging, some dessert plates, a painted bunny votive, Spring Stencil and light up spring wreath. The lucky winner was Jeanie Strech. Congratulations Jeanie!

Connie and Karen are accepting raffle prize donations for the Bunko fundraiser coming up in August. Please print or attach the bunko donation form to your basket, or items that you donate. You can bring your donations to the April meeting. Remember, items can be anything you would like to win! Gift cards, movie tickets, handmade items etc. The fundraiser has always been a big success because of our members' creative ideas and donations of wonderful prizes.

Trish



SEMINARS

Merlene Ryan, Vivian Roubal and Tamara Mannon

Upcoming events---Mark your calendar
October 1 & 2----Jillybean

Cheri Rol - She came, we loved her, she's gone. I need to thank everyone who signed up so we could have this event. And everyone helped out so much. Thanks for helping with the budget --- bringing lunch, moving my furniture for a free room, late sign-ups, signing up for two days because we needed it, and a good attitude. Thank you, Sue Shimansky for taking care of lunch on Sunday. Thank you Roni for hosting and feeding them. Most of all, thank you Cheri, for a great experience.

Jillybean is coming Oct 1 and 2. Check out her website. We have chosen (planning meeting) Santa and Blitzen for the first day. We need to choose the 2nd project soon. Check out her website (www.Jillybean.net) and let me know if you have preferences. Details will follow as time gets closer, but mark your calendars so you can save the date. Email at r.merlene@yahoo.com or call 925-754-7997

Merlene, Tamara and Vivian



NCCC NEWS

Connie Oakley, Karen Vecchi

The next NCCC meeting will be on May 7th. NCCC is looking at different avenues to keep the NCCC chapters meeting. Doing a large scale Retreat like we have done in the past isn't going to happen in the near future due to a lack of funds going forward. We discussed at our last meeting of having a NCCC Seminar to paint a chair. Painted chairs are popular now and we are currently looking into what the seminar would look like, where to hold it and if we have it a structured class or if you bring your chair and own design and collaborate with fellow NCCC members to design your own chair. If you have thoughts to share on this idea, please let either Karen or myself know.

Connie and Karen



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIR

Karen Vecchi and Luci Flynn

Mark your calendars for the Contra Costa County Fair – June 2-5, 2016. The theme is “Let’s Get Moo’ving”. Start finishing up and varnishing those UFO’s (unfinished objects) so you can display them at the fair. Online registration is now available (see the link below) and there is no cost to enter the fair. The online registration is open until April 30, 2016. You also have the option of mailing your registration form. Items can be delivered to the fairgrounds on May 13th from 3-8 p.m. or Saturday May 14th from 8-3 p.m. Entries for Tole and Decorative Painting for the amateur category is Division 48 and the Professional category is Division 55. You can enter up to 8 items per Division; 2 per class. The classes are wood or metal, fabric, china or glass, holiday, gourds, and other. We will be doing kids make-it-take-it’s on Saturday June 4th and Sunday June 5th. We will need people to help with the event and it is always fun to see what the kids create.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Karen or Luci.

Handbook:

<https://contracostafair.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/2016-Adult-Youth-Still-Exhibits-Handbook.pdf>

Registration Forms:

<http://contracostafair.com/become-an-exhibitor-today/>

Karen and Luci



Our Toll Bridge Toler's 20th Anniversary luncheon will be held on July 16th. Please hold the date and more details to be coming soon.

Connie and Karen



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION Shirley Irwin

I handed out two awards at our March meeting. Liz Little received an award for donating the November 2015 special raffle prize and Jann Otvos received one for donating the special raffle prize for February. Thank you ladies for supporting our chapter. Please let me know if you know someone who has gone the “extra” mile and deserves an award.

Shirley



NEWSLETTER Trish Bertolucci

All Chapter members are welcome to submit painting or craft related articles for the newsletter. Send the articles to me via e-mail. **The deadline for newsletter articles is the last day of each month.**

I try my best to keep up to date on member’s email addresses. However, if you are not receiving your newsletter notification, please contact me as I may have old or incorrect information. Please send any e-mail or address changes to me at TBTNewsletter@comcast.net.

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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.

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2016

PRESENT: Cathy McCaughey, Darlene Smith, Tamara Mannon, Karen Vecchi, Shirley Irwin, Barbara Bouchet, Holley Yarberr, Jann Otvos, Marianne Simpson, Vivian Roubal, Trish Bertolucci

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy McCaughey at 6:45 p.m. Cathy advised the web fee is \$95 per year. Tamara Mannon questioned the need for a web page when Facebook is available. It was agreed to pay the web fee for now and consider it again when it expires October 31.

IV Platform: Cathy suggested a sample be made with a 2-inch hole to take to the hospital to determine their interest. Trish Bertolucci and Marianne will make a sample and Cathy will go to the hospital with Trish. Jann advised there may be a liability issue to be considered.

2017 Cruise: Jann suggested this be calendared for November, 2017. Other Chapters could be invited to participate.

Raffle Approval: Cathy announced we have received our raffle approval which goes to August 31.

By-Law Changes: Cathy suggested By-Law changes be considered and will send each person their section to review. KarenVecchi recommended the term of officers be reviewed.

Cathy stated our liability insurance has been paid.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
March 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy McCaughey at 7:00 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed in the March newsletter (Jann Otvos/Holley Yarberr).

Charity Nominations: Cathy advised First Lutheran Church will receive \$300 each year from the Bunco fundraising and the balance of the proceeds will go to the selected charities. Heart of a Hero was nominated and the program described by Lisa Schall. Shirley Irwin advised "Spider Man" would like to attend one of our meetings. The Bay Area Crisis Nursery was nominated by Karen Vecchi who described their program. Cathy noted there is no charge to participating families. The nominations were closed. Vivian Roubal moved that all three be approved. The motion was approved unanimously that the church

will receive \$300 and the balance split between the other two charities.

Ways and Means: Trish Bertolucci described the contents of the Easter themed basket donated by KarenVecchi for the special drawing.

Bunco: Karen advised she has begun receiving raffle prizes. She suggested we look at having 60 or so larger prizes rather than 80 or 90 smaller ones. Shirley commented her friends like having more prizes available to win.

Seminars: Vivian stated the Cheri Rol seminar held last weekend was a great success. Merlene Ryan expressed her appreciation for all the food provided by attendees which helped to keep the cost very near budget. The next seminar will be taught by Jillybean on October 1- 2, 2016.

Awards and Recognition: Shirley Irwin passed out an award to Liz Little for donating the November special raffle prize and to Jann Otvos for the February prize.

20th Anniversary Party: Connie Oakley is working on this event, exploring various options for location, catering, etc. Liz Little stated she would look into using the Plumbers' Hall. Vivian suggested the Beaver Creek BBQ restaurant in Martinez to cater the party. Connie asked anyone who hasn't turned in their suggestion sheet to her for the charger plates to do so.

Hospitality: Barbara Bouchet asked about the food for the May meeting. It was agreed that everyone would bring their own lunch and any desserts to share.

Thank You Card: Holley passed around a card to be sent to Cheri Rol.

Treasurer's Report: Jann brought the latest report for review.

Membership: Karen asked that members provide her with their SDP membership number which can be found in the latest magazine.

Las Vegas Convention Show and Tell: Several members attended the convention and displayed their projects. Cathy advised she did a plexi-glass turtle project and the teacher, Carolyn Silvas, who lives in San Jose, was interested in coming here to teach.

Special Drawing: Trish described the contents of the Easter themed basket donated by Karen. Jeanie Strech won the basket.

The spring ornament exchange was held and members displayed the ornament they received.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm followed by a bunny project taught by Marianne Simpson.



SUNSHINE
Holley Yarberry



April 2016 Birthdays

Karen Vecchi 04/18



May 2016 Birthdays

Connie Oakley 05/24

The best way to contact me is either on my cell # (925) 890-7691 & leave a message or to send me an email at L.yarberry42@comcast.net as I may be traveling.

Holley



HOSPITALITY
Barbara Bouchet

Thank you the members who volunteered to bring goodies for our April meeting.

- Snacks: Holley Yarberry, Suzanne Olson and Connie Oakley
- Beverages: Jann Otvos and Lisa Schall
- Ice: Barbara Bouchet

Barbara



TBT IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, April 19th 6:45 pm Board Meeting,

7-9 pm General Meeting, Shirley Irwin, Gail Anderson Floral piece

Saturday, May 21st 10am-3pm Roni Marks teaching
Tuesday June 21 6:45 Board Meeting, 7-9pm General Meeting, Carrie Garrett teaching

Saturday July 16th TBT Anniversary Party

Saturday August 20th Bunko Fundraiser at Plumber's Hall Martinez

Saturday September 17 10am-3pm Jann Otvos teaching

Saturday October 1st Sunday October 2nd Jilly Bean Seminar

Tuesday, October 18th 6:45 pm Board Meeting, 7-9 pm General Meeting, Halloween Ornament Exchange, Liz Little teaching

Sunday, November 13th 1pm-4pm 2017 Planning Meeting at First Lutheran Church

Tuesday, November 15th 6:45 pm Board Meeting, 7-9pm General Meeting, D.J. West teaching

Tuesday, December 13th 6:30pm Christmas Dinner (Christmas Ornament exchange)



2016 CONVENTION DATES

June 6-11th SDP National Conference, San Diego

August 8-13th, HOOT

September 21-25th, Decorative Painting Convention, Seattle

September 26- October 1st Painting Palooza, Oklahoma City



TIPS, HINTS AND HELPS

This portion of the newsletter is to help out our fellow painters with hints, tips, shortcuts or whatever we can share to help each other become better painters! If you find something that helped you, send it to Trish Bertolucci at berts4@comcast.net and she will make sure it goes into the newsletter the following month! We can always use a little help.

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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1/2 Page	Member	10.00	50.00
	Non Member	15.00	75.00
Full Page	Member	15.00	75.00
	Non Member	20.00	100.00

Winter Sleigh

Designed by JoSonja

Taught by Cathy Chambers

4 day class

June 25th and 26th and Aug. 6th and 7th

Class will be held at Susie's Studio

616 Des Moines Place
San Jose, Ca. 95133

Hours: 9am to 4pm each day

Total cost of class is \$200

Surface cost is \$100, as always you may provide your own surface

Sleigh is approximately 20" x 13" x 9"

Please fill out the form below and mail in with your \$60 non-refundable deposit. Space is limited and we will only have room for 12 students.

Please let me know if you need the sleigh or if you have your own surface.

Dead line to sign up MAY 1st



Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Need surface – yes _____ no _____

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