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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey
President

This month we will be having a five-hour meeting on Saturday February 20th (see Tamara's article for details) to provide our members who cannot drive at night or who work and cannot come to an evening meeting, the opportunity to join us.

We will also be nominating charities that our chapter will be donating to in 2016. Please bring information on any charities you would like TBT to consider and their financial information. We will be voting on the nominated charities at our March meeting.

It is also time to start painting for our Easter/Spring ornament exchange which will also take place at our March meeting.

Many of our members will be attending the Las Vegas Painting Convention at the end of this month. Please bring your painted projects to share at our March meeting. We have had several seminars or Saturday meetings based on projects members have shared. It is a great way to explore new techniques and patterns for those members who did not attend the convention.

In honor of Valentine's Day, I would like to end my article with a quote from Helen Keller, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." Wishing all of you a "heart- felt ", Valentine's Day.

Cathy

PROGRAMS

Tamara Mannon
1st Vice President

I dropped off the donated items to the Veteran's Hospital. They were all excited to accept the bags filled with goodies and especially the painting supplies. THANK YOU all of those who have contributed to the Veteran's Hospital.

At our January program, Merlene showed us some of the new multi-media products. The members had a wonderful time playing with the products using stamps, media paints, surfaces, etc. THANK YOU Merlene for showing us how to be creative using these products. There are more and more projects out on the market that are expanding to other usages of multi-media.

For the February meeting which is a Saturday the 20th, Karen Vecchi is going to teach a project that was in the Decorative Painting Magazine 2014. It is the "Bird in Flight" (see picture) using multi-media products. This project will require a 6x6 or 8x8 canvas. Please bring #2 or #4 Round brush, brushes to float with, old brush or sponge brush for decoupage, water container, palette paper, graphite, stylus, hair dryer (if you have one but Karen will bring a couple of them). Karen will provide the rest of the supplies. The cost of the project is about \$4.00.



February Project taught by

Karen Vecchi on 6X6 canvas.

Here is the schedule for 2016—

February 20th (Saturday) – Karen (Bird in Flight)

March 15th – Shirley (Gail Anderson pattern)

April 19th– Marianne (Easter Bunny project)

May 21st (Saturday) – Ronnie Marks

June 21st – Carrie

July 16, 23 or 30th – Anniversary Party

August 20th – Bunko

September 17th (Saturday) – Jann

October 18th– Liz Little

November 15th – DJ

December 13th– Installation Dinner

Tamara



MEMBERSHIP

Karen Vecchi
2nd Vice President

Currently we have 31 members. This is a decrease from last year so we hope we will get more members to join. Our recent members joining are Lisette Jones, Donna Singer, Suzanne Olson and Teri Hallock.

Please bring a friend to the Saturday meeting this month on Feb. 20th. It is a great way to introduce them to our chapter and they are welcome to do the project with us. This is an opportunity for them to take a class and not pay a class fee. They only need to bring a 6x6 canvas.

Please give me your new SDP number. New numbers were assigned by the Craft and Hobby Association and we need to include them on our membership list. Thanks for your assistance.

TBT Chapter Membership dues were due November 1st. They are \$15/year. You can access the form on our website at www.tollbridgetolers.org. Mail the check and form to Toll Bridge Tolers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553.

Besides joining TBT, you must also renew your membership dues of \$50 per year with SDP before December 1st. After December 1st the SDP dues raise to \$55. Their website is www.decorativepainters.org to renew or join. You will be redirected to the Craft and Hobby Association site who will process your renewal for SDP. **You will be given a new SDP number which we need on your registration form. You will also need this new number to access the SDP site and to register for SDP painting conventions.**



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Roz Borgerson

Hello everyone. Nothing new to announce. If you have a need for memory boxes, please call me. We have many of them for you to paint on. You do not have to buy any. Enjoy the rain. If anyone has a community project we should consider, please let me know.

Fondly, Roz



WAYS AND MEANS

Trish Bertolucci

Our January meeting special raffle prize was a beautiful hand quilted Valentine's Day table runner and some chocolates donated by Luci Flynn. Trish Bertolucci was the lucky winner!

Thank you to everyone who signed up for donating for the Special Raffles for 2016. All of the months are filled.

Trish



SEMINARS

Merlene Ryan, Vivian Roubal and Tamara Mannon

Upcoming events---mark your calendar

March 12 & 13, 2016---Cheri Rol

October 1 & 2----Jillybean

Cheri Rol -It's important to contact me ASAP if you are interested in our Cheri Rol Seminar. It looks like we are going to have to cancel.

The miscellaneous Supply List I have from her is as follows:

Stylus, pencil, fine tip permanent marker

Paper towels or brush wipes, tissue (Kleenex)

Palette Pad 9 x 12 or 12 x 16

Bent handle small palette knife

Transfer paper---white and gray

Tack cloth

C-Thru graph ruler

Masking tape or 3M magic tape or Drafting tape

*Winsor Newton's Blending and Glazing Medium

*Oderless brush cleaning fluid—Turpenoid (not the Natural)

* TBT will supply these—that's what I mean by solvents and mediums.

There is no NCCC this coming fall or Ornament Frenzy so I have scheduled **Jillybean** for Oct 1 and 2. Check out her website at www.jillybean.net. We have chosen (at the planning meeting) Santa and Blitzen for the first day. Details will follow as time gets closer, but mark your calendars so you can save the date.

Merlene Ryan r.merlene@yahoo.com 925-754-7997

The two projects for Cheri Rol are:



Merlene, Tamara and Vivian



NCCC NEWS

Connie Oakley, Karen Vecchi

NCCC met on January 9th and it was agreed on by the NCCC reps that the council does not have enough money in reserves to fund the NCCC Retreat in 2017 as it has in the past. It was discussed and agreed that the reps would go back to their chapters and solicit the members on how they would like the council to go forward to keep NCCC active and members motivated to stay involved. Karen and I created a survey that all the chapters will use to collect the information we need to move forward. If you have not already responded to the survey, please do so as we will be meeting this Saturday, February 6th to discuss the results of the survey. If you have any questions, please give Karen or me a call.

Connie and Karen

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS 20TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

This year will be the 20th Anniversary for the Toll Bridge Toler chapter. We are planning a luncheon in July (date to be determined) to celebrate. We have decided to make this an interactive celebration will all members who would like to attend participating. I have purchased charger plates to be painted for our celebration. I am enclosing a survey at the end of the newsletter that if you wish to participate in the Anniversary celebration you will need to fill out and send back to me as soon as possible. (I will have the form emailed out also so you have a choice of emailing it back or sending it in the mail.) You will be drawing a name randomly from those who wish to attend the celebration. The survey of the person you randomly select will tell you their likes and dislikes. Then with this knowledge you will select whatever pattern you think your fellow member would like and paint the charger plate for

them. I will collect the plates before our luncheon and they will be part of our setting for each person.

Please fill out your survey and return to me as soon as you can. If you have any questions on the survey, please let me know.

Thanks.
Connie



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Shirley Irwin

Shirley Irwin presented awards to Jan Voester and Karen Vecchi for donating to the September Special Raffle prize. Luci Flynn received her award for donating the January Special Raffle. Thank you to all for your donations and helping our Chapter be successful.

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.

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

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 Trish Bertolucci at TBTNewsletter@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.

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
January 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy McCaughey with a quorum present. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the December newsletter (Luci Flynn/Lisa Schall).

VP Programs – Tamara Mannon: Tamara reported that she delivered the art supplies donated by members to the Veteran's Hospital and they were very thankful for the materials. Tamara provided information on the programs for 2016.

February – Karen Vecchi; (Saturday meeting) multi-media project; bring a 6x6 canvas or other small canvas like 8x8

March – Shirley Irwin

April – Marianne Simpson

May – Roni Marks (Saturday meeting)

June – Carrie Garrett

July – Anniversary Celebration

August – Bunko Fundraiser

September – Jann Otvos (Saturday meeting); scarecrow

October – Liz Little

November – DJ West

December – Holiday dinner

Membership: Karen Vecchi reported there we have 2 more members paying dues – Lisette Jones and Suzanne Olson. She provided a list of current members and asked everyone to review it for accuracy and provide their new membership numbers that were issued through the Hobby Association by SDP.

Treasurer: Jann Otvos presented the budget for 2016. Loretta Mateik was asked to check on the web hosting and domain name and their renewals and costs. They were multi-year renewals and we need to verify when they expire. We discussed that due to a decrease in membership, the chapter will be decreasing charity contributions. The church donation amount will be kept the same but will be included with the raffle prize funds earned at the Bunko event. The 2016 Budget was approved as presented by the Treasurer Jann Otvos (Trish Bertolucci/Lisa Schall).

Ways & Means: Trish Bertolucci sent around a sign-up sheet for monthly special drawing donations for 7 open months this year. This is another opportunity to raise funds for our chapter and the special drawing donations have been decreasing over the last few years.

Bunko: Connie Oakley is chairing the event which is on August 20th at the Plumber's Hall. She needs help and is looking for committee volunteers.

Anniversary Celebration: Connie Oakley and Karen Vecchi are working on the anniversary celebration and are also looking for volunteers. Venues are being explored. The Planning meeting held in November decided to have a plate chargers painting project for the event. Plate chargers have been purchased and were prepped by Merlene Ryan. Connie will be preparing an information sheet that each member who wants to participate will fill out about their likes, dislikes, favorite holidays and other information. Members will get the sheet for another member and paint a charger for the anniversary party which will be used to decorate the tables at the celebration.

NCCC: Connie Oakley reported that NCCC is in the process of reviewing their retreat which has been postponed since it does not have the funds to commit for a future retreat. Questionnaires are being sent to members for input and ideas on how to revamp NCCC.

Seminars: Merlene Ryan reported the Cheri Rol seminar on March 12 and 13, 2016, only has 5 people signed up and 15 are needed. She will be sending the announcement to the NCCC reps when she gets the e-mail information. The location will be Connie's Homeowner's facility in Concord. Cheri will stay with Ronnie Marks. The Jillybean seminar is scheduled for October 1 and 2, 2016. One project will be Santa and Blitzen which is on her website and the other one is still to be decided.

Community Projects: Memory boxes were donated by Patty Drewer who paints with Liz Doran and Barbara Bouchet. Roz Borgerson has 20 memory boxes prepped for anyone who would like to paint and donate the boxes.

Hospitality: The next meeting is Saturday, February 20th, at the church. Everyone is to bring their own drinks and lunch and a snack or dessert to share if they wish. The sign-up sheet was passed around for other months during the year.

Trish Bertolucci presented an idea for a community project of lily pads that fit over IV stands in hospitals the small children can ride on and get wheeled around on in the hospital. They are painted with kid themes like Frozen or Ninja Turtles. Trish is going to explore the cost making a prototype and see if any of the hospitals in the area might be interested. A polyurethane coating is needed to protect the lily pads.

Painting Cruise: Jann Otvos presented the idea of a painting cruise in 2017. Cruises have to leave the country and go to either Mexico or Canada from San Francisco. There are 4-day weekday options and 3-day weekend options. Inside rooms for 4 day's cost approximately \$300, ocean view costs approximately \$375. This is based on double occupancy/per person. A painting room is available during the day. We are exploring options for

teachers. Every eight rooms that are booked provide a free room that we can either reduce the cost of all participating or use to provide rooms to teachers.

Donations for Church Crab Feed Raffle: Donations were made by Loretta Mateik (2 raffles), Liz Doran (2 raffles), Cathy McCaughey, Jann Otvos, Merlene Ryan (3 raffles), Barbara Bouchet, Trish Bertolucci, and Karen Vecchi.

Awards and Recognition: Shirley Irwin presented awards to Jan Voester and Karen Vecchi for donating to the September Special Raffle prize. Luci Flynn received her award for donating the January Special Raffle.

Special Drawing: This evening's prize was provided by Luci Flynn and was a Valentine hand quilted table runner and chocolates. The winner was Trish Bertolucci.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm to a project using new Decoart Media paints taught by Merlene Ryan.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Vecchi filling in for Darlene Smith, Secretary



SUNSHINE
Holley Yarberry



February Birthdays

Roz Borgerson	2/02
Teri Hallock	2/09
Lucille Hart	2/18
Shirley Irwin	2/19
Beatrice McIntosh	2/24
Holley Yarberry	2/26
Delta Lamb	2/28



March 2016 Birthdays

Jan Voester	03/11
Rose Marie Roza	03/17
Wendy Oliver	03/18
Vivian Roubal	03/19
D.J. West	03/22

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

Our February meeting is Saturday February 20th. Members are to bring their own lunches, drinks and if you would like to bring a goodie to share, those are always welcomed!

Barbara



TBT IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, February 20th 9am-3pm Karen Vecchi teaching Bird in Flight Multi Media 6X6 canvas
March 12-13 Cheri Rol Seminar location TBA
Tuesday, March 15th 6:45 pm Board meeting, 7-9 pm General Meeting: Easter Ornament Exchange, Shirley Irwin teaching Gail Anderson project
Tuesday, April 19th 6:45 pm Board Meeting, 7-9 pm General Meeting, Marianne Simpson Easter bunny project
Saturday, May 21st 9am-3pm Roni Marks teaching
Tuesday June 21 6:45 Board Meeting, 7-9pm General Meeting, Carrie Garrett teaching
Saturday July 16, 23 or 30th TBT Anniversary Party
Saturday August 20th Bunko Fundraiser at Plumber's Hall Martinez
Saturday September 17 9am-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

February 28-March 4th Creative Painting Convention, Las Vegas
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 TRADING POST

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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	Non Member	15.00	75.00
Full Page	Member	15.00	75.00
	Non Member	20.00	100.00

CHERI ROL SEMINAR



Saturday



Sunday

Date: Saturday and Sunday March 12 and 13, 2016

Time: 9:00 to 4:00pm (this might be adjusted)

Location ---To be announced

Cost---\$80 for each day, need \$40 deposit with sign up. Sign up deadline --- Jan 19, 2016.

Talk to me if you have questions or personal concerns.

Remainder of fee is due before class starts. No refunds unless class is canceled. You may transfer to another person if you need to cancel. Fees include prepped surface, paints, solvents and lunch. Contact me at r.merlene@yahoo.com or (925) 754-7997.

Surfaces are 8 X 8 masonite panel for the pumpkin and 10 X10 masonite panel for the lily. Check out her website and let me know if you wish to purchase a box frame to float the panel or the slider frame. I need to let her know by Feb 10. These could also be framed in ready-made frames purchased locally.

Make checks payable to Toll Bridge Tolers and mail to Merlene Ryan, 3005 Monroe Ct., Antioch, CA 94509.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Saturday (pumpkin) _____ Member \$80, Non-member \$85

Sunday (lily floater) _____ Member \$80, Non-member \$85

\$ Amount Enclosed _____ \$ Amt due later _____

(Information required for Charger Plate Exchange for Chapter Members)

Name: _____

Favorite colors: _____

Colors you do NOT like: _____

Favorite Holidays: _____

Holidays that are not your thing: _____

Likes, (i.e., birds, flowers, landscape, or styles of painting, etc.) _____

Dislikes: (i.e., fruit, butterflies, or styles of painting, etc.) _____

Anything else you would like to share: _____

Please return to Connie Oakley as soon as you can. Thank you.

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