

The Painting



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey
President

Happy New Year! On behalf of the chapter, I would like to thank Karen Vecchi for the amazing job she did as President for the past 5 years. She provided strength and leadership to the chapter.

As you read the articles written by Board Members and Committee Chairs throughout this issue, you will see that 2016 promises to be a busy year for us. It is also a year of celebration since it marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of TBT, which we will be celebrating in July. The New Year also marks a time where we have been noticing a gradual decrease in our membership numbers, so I am asking members to make a New Year's resolution to commit to renewing your engagement and support for our Chapter. Ways to do this are by: filling a board or chair position, serving as a member on a committee, attending club events (especially our painting seminars and our Bunko fundraiser), donating items for our monthly raffle prize or Bunko fundraiser, participating in our community service projects, and identifying and encouraging potential new members to possibly join our chapter. On that note, Merlene Ryan is looking for the next Seminar Chair so that she can start training you this year for taking over her position in 2017. It is a good way to be mentored in during a year with two seminars (Cheri Rol and Jilly Bean). The rewards of being a member of TBT are not only limited to

painting experiences, but also the friendships and support that our members give to one another. It's about the people more than the painting. A special thank you to Carrie Garrett, Holly Yarberry and Barb Bouchet for picking up members who could not drive themselves to our December dinner. It was so nice to see everyone and celebrate our chapter and the holiday season together. A special thank you to Jeanie Strech and committee for the wonderful decorations, the nut mix and the mouse treats! Looking forward to an exciting year for our chapter.

Cathy



PROGRAMS

Tamara Mannon
1st Vice President

Happy New Year to you all. 2015 came and went so quickly and now onto 2016.

Our December dinner meeting at Mangia Bene Restaurant in Martinez was very enjoyable and seeing everyone especially those members who don't usually attend our regular meetings. As usual the ornament exchange was fabulous. We have so many talented painters and it's always nice to see what ornaments were painted. Loretta has uploaded onto the website pictures of the event. By the way, Loretta, a BIG THANK YOU for all your hard

work on the website -- I know from experience. You are very much appreciated and keep up the good work.

We have an exciting year planned. If you would like to teach or show some new technique, let me know. We have a few months open.

As you probably noticed, decorative painting has broadened out into paper, stamps, pencils and a lot of other types of mediums. With this said, for our January meeting, as always, Merlene has come up with an interesting project. The cost is \$1.00 and bring your usual painting supplies.

Tamara



MEMBERSHIP

Karen Vecchi
2nd Vice President

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.**

Currently we have 29 members who have joined for 2016, so please put TBT renewal on your "To Do List" if you have not already done so. If you have any questions please contact me. Happy New Year!



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Roz Borgerson

Greetings Painting Friends. You all need a pat on the back for your generous service we do for our community. Especially our service to Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. How special it must be to receive one of the beautiful painted memory boxes. If anyone needs boxes to paint, please let me know. I have many boxes to share with you. Happy, Healthy 2016.

Fondly, Roz



WAYS AND MEANS

Trish Bertolucci

We had an amazing year for Ways and Means. Thank you so much to everyone who donated items for the Special Raffles. We are off to a great start this year. I will have a sign up list going around at the January meeting if you would like to sign up to donate a raffle prize for 2016.

The First Lutheran Church is having their Annual Crab Feed again this year. They weren't sure if they could get crabs. But they came through! If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize for this wonderful fundraiser and event, please bring it to the January meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please call or email Darlene to arrange pickup or drop offs. Our members have always been very generous with their donations to this event to support the church.

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 Mark your calendars. It's just around the corner and I need your commitment (and deposit) by the Jan. meeting. The absolute final late sign-up is Feb 9. I have to tell her the number so they can pack for Vegas classes and booth and us. The cost will be \$80 each day. I can be flexible with payment schedules—final amount due before class starts. Look for the registration form at the end of the newsletter. The projects are geared to good painters who have never or seldom painted in oils. If you consider yourself a beginner that's perfect too. I'm hoping a lot of you will take advantage of this opportunity. Fees include your prepped surface, paint, solvents and mediums. Lunch is also included. Any questions, please contact me.

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

The next NCCC meeting is scheduled on January 9, 2016. We will have updates for you after our meeting. We hope you had a safe and Happy New Year! Best Wishes to you for all the best in the New Year!

Connie and Karen



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Shirley Irwin

Shirley handed out some awards at our Christmas dinner.

Wendy Oliver received an award for her donation to the First Lutheran Crab Feed last January.

Darlene Smith received an award for donating the October Special raffle prize.

Darlene Smith, Jann Otvos, Jeanie Strech and Merlene Ryan received awards for donating items for the library display at the Concord Library in November.

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 members 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

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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 BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

No Board or General Meetings were held. We celebrated at our Annual Christmas dinner.



SUNSHINE
Holley Yarberry



January Birthdays:

Jo Iaconis	1/01
Loretta Mateik	1/14



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

I hope that everyone has had a great and safe Holiday Season. We've been down in Arizona with the

granddaughters and their parents, baking cookies and having fun. And it's been freezing. Happy New Year to one and all.

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

I am looking for volunteers to bring items for the January meeting. Shirley Irwin has volunteered to bring ice. Please call or email me if you would like to bring a goodie!

Barbara



TBT IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, January 19th 6:45 pm Board meeting, 7-9pm
General meeting
Saturday, February 20th 9am-3pm
March 12-13 Cheri Rol Seminar location TBA
Tuesday, March 15th 6:45 pm Board meeting, 7-9 pm
General Meeting: Easter Ornament Exchange
Tuesday, April 19th 6:45 pm Board Meeting,
7-9 pm General Meeting
Saturday, May 21st 9am-3pm
Tuesday June 21 6:45 Board Meeting, 7-9pm General
Meeting
Saturday July 16, 23 or 30th TBT Anniversary Party
Saturday August 20th Bunko Fundraiser at Plumber's Hall
Martinez
Saturday September 17 9am-3pm
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
Sunday, November 13th 1pm-4pm 2017 Planning Meeting
at First Lutheran Church
Tuesday, November 15th 6:45 pm Board Meeting, 7-9pm
General Meeting
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 Tolars 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 _____