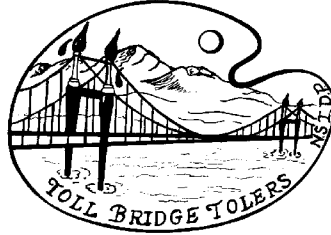


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey
President

Time to celebrate our nation's birthday and TBT's 20th anniversary! Hope to see current and former members at our celebration on the 16th of this month. Connie and Karen have been planning some fun activities for the event.

Also we need all members support in participating in our annual Bunco Fundraiser in August. You can help by buying tickets to the event, making a dessert or salad for the luncheon, volunteering to help run the event, and donating great raffle prizes (painted pieces are especially appreciated). The dynamic duo of Karen and Connie are also coordinating for this (when do these two sleep?). Last month our chapter hosted a children's paint in at the Contra Costa County fair on Saturday and Sunday. Kids got to paint rulers and gourds (donated by Jann, Jay and Luci). It was enjoyable to watch the creativity and enthusiasm that the participants displayed and the pride in their finished painted pieces. It is definitely a lot of work to coordinate this event, but the results are well worth the effort our chapter puts in to this worthwhile endeavor. "Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun." Mary Lou Cook
Hope your summer is filled with creativity and fun!

Cathy



PROGRAMS

Tamara Mannon
1st Vice President

Happy 4th of July. At our June project, Carrie Garrett taught a flag pendant that was received very well. Just in time for the holiday celebration. THANK YOU Carrie. Looking at everyone that was there, they all thoroughly enjoyed the project. This was definitely a hit!!!! You can wear your necklace to the July meeting, which we will be celebrating the chapter's 20th anniversary. Connie and Karen are putting together a wonderful luncheon. If you have not received your invitation, please contact them. As for our September's Saturday meeting, Jann will be teaching a scarecrow project. The cost for this lovely scarecrow is \$12.00 which includes the scarecrow, pattern and paint. Thank you for those of you who had submitted their forms. If you are interested in the project, please complete the attached registration form by the August bunco event (August 20) so that we will have enough surfaces for everyone. The surfaces will be passed out at time of the meeting, there is no prep work.



Tamara

card, a wooden trash can surface and some 4th of July goodies. It was won by Jeanie Strech. Thank you for your donations ladies.

Trish



SEMINARS

Merlene Ryan, Vivian Roubal and Tamara Mannon



MEMBERSHIP

Karen Vecchi
2nd Vice President

We currently have 34 members. Please send me or give me a copy of your membership card so we can get our files up to date. If anyone did not get a handbook, please let me know and I will send one to you.

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.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Roz Borgerson

Dear Painting Friends, I do not want to sound like a broken record so will just say if you need any memory boxes, please let me know. We are in good shape right now. Happy 4th to all of you.

Fondly, Roz



WAYS AND MEANS

Trish Bertolucci

At our June meeting, we had two special raffle prizes. RoseMarie Roza donated a Bunko ticket and two Sandi Strecker Halloween patterns. That was won by Marianne Simpson. The second raffle prize was donated by Carrie Garrett and it was two movie tickets, and a Michaels gift



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

Jillybean is coming Oct 1 and 2. We chose projects for Sunday at our April meeting. We will be painting 2 projects on glass. We will be doing a Santa and reindeer project (acrylics) on Sat and glass painting on Sunday (these are the pictures).

Thank you to the six who have sent in their registrations. I still need 9 more for each day. Please send them in as soon as possible. For those with circumstances, I will be able to take late sign-ups but not if it's cancelled because we don't have our 15 in time. Talk to me if the deposit isn't small enough or whatever.

She will be bringing glass painting brushes with her for purchase. She didn't give me a price but said they would be discounted. (\$20 on her website)

The registration sheet is at the end of the newsletter. It will be held at the church (our regular meeting room) on Sat and at the Veterans Building in Martinez on Sunday. Mark your calendars so you can save the date. Merlene Ryan r.merlene@yahoo.com 925-754-7997

Merlene, Tamara and Vivian

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS



The anniversary party is just around the corner. Please RSVP as soon as possible so we can have an accurate count of who will be attending. It should be a delightful afternoon and a chance to celebrate the success of our chapter.

**Toll Bridge Tolars
20th Anniversary Celebration
Celebrate at our Summer Luncheon
July 16, 2016
Live Oak Clubhouse
5051 Seminole Dr., Concord
12:00 - 3:00
Cost: \$10
RSVP (or Questions) to Karen
Vecchi
Make checks payable to Toll
Bridge Tolars
karenvecchi@sbcglobal.net or
925-228-0409**



Karen Vecchi and Connie Oakley

The Bunco Fundraiser will be on Saturday, August 20th at 11:30 a.m. at the Plumbers Hall in Martinez. We are looking for raffle donations; painted piece, gift cards, items you would like to win. Our theme for this year's fundraisers is "Garden Party". We will have special themed raffle prizes that are Christmas/Holiday, Halloween and Baby. Special raffle tickets will be sold for each of these baskets. We will have lunch, play bunco, draw for raffles and top it all off with dessert.

Karen Vecchi has Bunco tickets for sale. We only have 100 tickets to sell so get them as soon as possible. You can contact Karen and she will mail them to you or arrange to get them to you. They are the same price of \$25. Please

see Karen to pay and get your tickets. If you have any questions, please contact Connie or Karen.

Connie and Karen



NCCC NEWS

Connie Oakley, Karen Vecchi

The next NCCC meeting will be on July 9th where we will be finalizing the plans to have a "Chair Affair" event on October 8, 2016 in Salida at the Salida Library. The event will go from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with an hour break for lunch. Since Karen and I were unable to attend the last NCCC meeting we will not be able to update you on this event until after our upcoming meeting.

Connie and Karen



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIR NEWS

The County Fair was wonderful and thanks to everyone who helped us on Saturday and Sunday with the Kids Make it Take its. All the kids seemed to have a great time. We had quite a few entries and all the pieces were wonderful. Thanks to everyone who entered the fair. It really helps keep our painting category viable. Congratulations to Lucille for the beautiful watercolor orange iris that won best of show in the Fine Art category. Start thinking about pieces you can finish and enter next April.

2016 Toll Bridge Tolars Fair Entries

Luci Flynn

- 1) Gourd; Div 48 Tole-Gourd – 1st place
- 2) Merry Christmas Banner; Div 45 Textile Crafts Christmas-Wall Hanging; 2nd place
- 3) Take Flight; Div 57 Fine Art-Mixed Media- 2nd place

Trish Bertolucci

- 1) Tom Turkey; Dive 48 Tole-China or Glass; 1st place
- 2) Snowman Candle; Div 48 Tole-Holiday; 2nd place
- 3) Heirloom Flower Tray; Div 48 Tole-Wood or Metal; 3rd place
- 4) Spring Bunny; Div 48 Tole-Wood or Metal 5th place

Karen Vecchi

- 1) Snowy Christmas Night; Div 48 Tole-Holiday; 1st place
- 2) Snowman Mitten; Div 48 Tole-Holiday; 3rd place
- 3) First Light; Div 48 Tole-Other; 1st place
- 4) Bunny Buddies; Div 48 Tole-Other; 2nd place
- 5) Beach Scene; Div 48 Tole-China or Glass; 2nd place
- 6) Joy Santa; Div 48 Tole-Wood or Metal; 2nd place
- 7) Flowered Key Holder; Div 48 Tole-Wood or Metal

Lucille Hart

- 1) Snowman Rocking Chair; Div 48 Tole-Wood or Metal; 1st place
- 2) Orange Iris; Div 57 Fine Art-Watercolor; 1st place and Best of Show

Vivian Roubal

- 1) Painted Chair; Div 55 Professional Tole-Wood or Metal; 1st place
- 2) Yosemite Creek; Div 57 Fine Art-Oil Landscape; 2nd place
- 3) Elf Doll; Div 46 Textiles-Dolls; 1st place

Merlene Ryan

- 1) Snowman Mitten; Div 55 Professional Tole-Holiday; 1st place
- 2) Gerbera Flower Tray; Div 55 Professional Tole-Wood or Metal; 2nd place
- 3) Snowman Tray; Div 55 Professional Tole-Wood or Metal; 3rd place
- 4) Take Flight Mirror; Div 55 Professional Tole-Other; 1st place
- 5) Pumpkin Banner; Div 55 Professional Tole-Other; 2nd place



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Shirley Irwin

No awards were handed out at the June meeting.

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.

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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

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
June 21, 2016

Present: Darlene Smith, Marianne Simpson, Connie Oakley, Jann Otvos, Cathy McCaughey, Vivian Roubal, Trish Bertolucci, Tamara Mannon, Lisa Schall, Liz Doran, Carrie Garrett, Lucille Hart, Barbara Bouchet

President Cathy McCaughey called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm. The agenda for the General meeting to follow was reviewed. Cathy advised it is necessary for members to preorder and pay for the surface for Jann Otvos' September 17 class as the wood has to be cut.

Seminars - Cathy announced that this will be Merlene Ryan's last year as Seminar Chairman and no one has volunteered for the position. We will go forward with individual coordinators for each session. Cathy advised Carolyn Silvas will teach a giraffe project (new technique) in January. She taught a turtle class that Cathy took.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
June 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy McCaughey at 7:00 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as published in the June newsletter (Jann Otvos/Karen Vecchi).

President's Report – Cathy advised the bill for the website is still pending and could be \$200 for two years. A donation was made in Vicki Gardiner's name to Decorative Painting.

Treasurer – Jann Otvos brought the current report for members' review.

Seminars – The Jillybean seminar in October needs a minimum of 15 people signed up or it will not happen. Trish Bertolucci was asked to email a picture of the Santa/Reindeer project to members. The second day will be painting two wine glasses. Jann Otvos noted special brushes are not needed. Carolyn Silvas wants to come and teach her giraffe project and Connie Oakley will be the temporary host for it. This is a new technique to learn. The cost will be about \$55 and the teacher will provide everything. It is a 4 to 5 hour class and is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2017 at our regular meeting room at the church. A new Seminar chair is needed for 2017 as 2016 is Merlene Ryan's last year in that position.

Hospitality – Barbara Bouchet noted the next meeting is Saturday, September 17 and everyone is to bring their own lunch. Jann Otvos will be teaching the Halloween project.

County Fair – Karen Vecchi reported the kids' painting sessions were very successful and thanked everyone for their help. She noted there were a lot of entries from TBT members and noted they were all winners. Special thanks to Luci Flynn and Karen for their work on this event.

20th Anniversary Party – Karen passed out invitations this evening and noted the luncheon will be at Connie Oakley's clubhouse from noon to 3 pm on Saturday, July 16. The cost is \$10 which Karen is collecting.

We were advised that Eileen Galea fell and broke her hip and is in a care facility. Trish will put her address in the newsletter.

Bunco – Karen has tickets for sale. The theme is "Garden Party" and the decorations are organized. A sign-up sheet for salads or finger food desserts was circulated. Prize donations need to go to Karen as soon as possible.

NCCC- Karen advised NCCC will host a Chair Affair on October 8th in the library at Salida. The seats of black IKEA chairs will be painted using a Shara Reiner pattern packet #926 (Angel Thyme Designs). This is a fundraiser for NCCC for a future retreat.

Community Service – Trish advised the lily pad is ready to be varnished and it will then be taken to show to the hospital.

Programs – Jann displayed the scarecrow project she will be teaching on September 17. Her husband is cutting the base and Jeanie Strech is providing the materials for the head and arms. She is expecting 20 participants and advance registration is necessary so enough wood is cut.

The cost is \$12. It is noted the person has to paint at the meeting to get the wood and accessories.

The Las Vegas convention is February 26 to March 3, 2017 and a catalog was available for review. A new convention is scheduled for Oklahoma City September 26 to October 1, 2016. That catalog was also available. Jann attended the SDP convention in San Diego and noted there were only about 400 attendees and very few vendors. The convention will be in Florida next year. She advised Karen Hubbard will do her last seminar in Las Vegas but will still travel teach and teach at home.

Karen passed out the new 2016 membership book. Let her know of any corrections.

Special Drawing – There are two prizes this evening. Rose Marie Roza donated a bunco ticket and two Halloween pattern packets. Carrie Garrett donated a 4th of July gift basket which included movie tickets and a gift card, as well as other items. Marianne Simpson won the bunco ticket and patterns and Jeanie Strech won the 4th of July basket.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Tamara Mannon introduced this evening's American flag glass pin project taught by Carrie Garrett.



SUNSHINE Holley Yarberry

July 2016 Birthdays

Liz Little	07/01
Cathy McCaughey	07/04

August 2016 Birthdays

Suzanne Olson	08/15
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Carrie Garrett let the members know that Eileen Galea fell and broke her hip at the end of April. She is currently in a care facility. You can send her a card to Eileen Galea c/o Spring Glen Villa, 5929 Spring Glen Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

Barb Flavin sent an email to inform TBT members who knew and loved Vicki Gardiner that Nancy Salmon (Vicki's sister-in-law) informed her that the family plans a celebration of her life on 8/28/16 in Concord. They will provide more details for the time and place, at a later date, but wanted the date known to people who might want to attend.

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

We will be enjoying our 20th Anniversary luncheon at Connie Oakley's clubhouse on July 16, 2016. Hope to see you all there.

Barbara



TBT IMPORTANT DATES

- Saturday July 16th- 20th Anniversary Party Connie's Clubhouse, Concord CA 12-3pm
- Saturday August 20th Bunko Fundraiser at Plumber's Hall Martinezz
- Saturday September 17 Jann Otvos Scarecrow 9am-3pm
- Saturday October 1st Sunday October 2nd Jilly Bean Seminar
- Saturday October 8th-NCCC Chair Affair 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

- 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.

Roni Marks wanted to share the information about Decoart's new Paint NAME CHANGE ONLY!

Just a little info regarding DecoArt Americana paint NAME CHANGE ONLY!!

The following four colors will be transitioned to new labeling over the next several months so you will be seeing them in the near future:

- DAO78-3 Fleshtone will become Warm Beige
- DAO24-3 Hi-Lite Flesh will become White Peach...
- DA137-3 Shading Flesh will become Deep Blush
- DCA09-3 Flesh will become Natural Beige

Also, Decoart is bringing back the color Spice Pink from their discontinued line.

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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Toll Bridge Tolers

Registration Form for Scarecrow

Saturday, September 17, 2016

Sign up deadline August 20.

Regular meeting place, 4000 Concord Blvd, Concord.

10:00am to 4:00pm \$12.00 Cost includes surface, instructions and paint.
You must be present at the meeting in order to receive the surface.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Bring your own lunch.

Make checks payable to Toll Bridge Tolers and mail to Tamara Mannon, 1105
Fair Weather Circle, Concord CA 94518

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