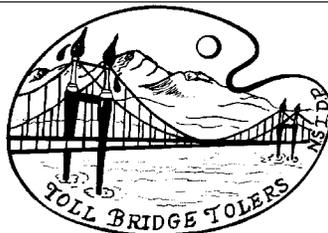


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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey  
President

June marks the beginning of summer vacation, graduations and Father's Day. The Contra Costa County Fair is June 2nd-5th and we will be doing our Kids Paint-In on Saturday and Sunday from 1-3 pm. We will have a regular meeting on Tuesday the 21st. Although we will not have meetings in the months of July and August we will have our 20th Anniversary Celebration (July) and our Bunko Fundraiser (August). These programs would not be successful without the hard work and creativity of our chairpersons and committees who depend on members volunteering. Read the newsletter and contact the chairperson to help out if you can.

"Every person needs to take one day away. A day in which one consciously separates the past from the future. Jobs, family, employers, and friends can exist one day without any one of us, and if our egos permit us to confess, they could exist eternally in our absence. Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us."

— Maya Angelou

Wishing everyone a relaxing and rejuvenating summer vacation.



Cathy



## PROGRAMS

Tamara Mannon

Thank you Roni Marks for teaching the May project wooden rolling pin. What a great idea painting on a rolling pin. Many of you have finished the rolling pin and some even two. Everyone had a nice time. THANK YOU Roni. For our June project, Carrie Garrett will be teaching a flag pendant that they can wear on July 4th as well as our 20th anniversary party. The cost of the project is \$3.00 which includes the pattern and pendant. All you have to bring is a small flat brush 4 or smaller, water container and paper towel.



In preparation 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. In order to have sufficient surfaces, please complete the attached registration form (with payment) by the August bunko event (August 20). The surfaces will be available to

those who have signed up and paid. You must be present at the September meeting and stay and paint to receive the surface (there is no prep work). If there are any extra surfaces, people who have attended the meeting will have the chance to purchase them first.



Tamara



## MEMBERSHIP

**Karen Vecchi**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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

Karen



## WAYS AND MEANS

**Trish Bertolucci**

The special raffle prize at our May meeting was donated by Liz Doran. It was a beautiful hand painted tea pot and some yummy items from Brentwood Olive Oil Company. The lucky winner was Carrie Garrett.

Trish



## SEMINARS

**Merlene Ryan, Vivian Roubal and Tamara Mannon**

**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 on Saturday and glass painting on Sunday.

I will need your commitment early in August. Before I leave for visiting my mother and to go to HOOT. I can take late sign-ups for weird unforeseen reasons but we need to have your commitment early so she can have time to shop for her plane ticket. Deco-Art (who is paying part of her plane fare and providing paint) requires a minimum of 15 sign-ups. 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 will be in the June and July newsletters. It will be held at the church (our regular meeting room) on Saturday and at the Veterans Building in Martinez on Sunday. Mark your calendars so you can save the date. Merlene Ryan [r.merlene@yahoo.com](mailto:r.merlene@yahoo.com) 925-754-7997



Cheri Rol finishing up class

Does anyone but me still need to finish Cheri Rol projects? I know a number of you have told me you finished. If you haven't and would like some moral support through a group effort, let me know. Let's pick a date in July and get together at my house (free). I have enough supplies to share and we wouldn't all have to mix all the colors.

Merlene, Tamara and Vivian



## NCCC NEWS

**Connie Oakley, Karen Vecchi**

NCCC has decided to go forward with doing a one-day pining event called the "Chair Affair." It will be held on October 8, 2016 in Salida. Karen and I were not able to make the last meeting so we were not there to hear this information first hand. It is our understanding that a design by Shara Reiner will be taught and painted on a chair from Ikea. We will update you as we get more information.

Connie and Karen



**COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
**Roz Borgerson**

Dear fellow Painters- I miss you all so much and wish you all the best. Please contact me if you want some boxes to paint. Again we are so appreciated by Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and I am sure by the ones who receive the treasure you paint. God's Love to you all.  
*Roz*



**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**  
**FAIR**  
**Karen Vecchi and Luci Flynn**

We will have updates on the fair in the next newsletter. Make sure you pick up your entered items from the fair. The dates to pick them up are Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-6:00pm or Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 5:00pm.  
*Karen Vecchi and Luci Flynn; Co-Chairs*

**TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS**  
**20<sup>th</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
**PARTY**

The 20th Anniversary celebration is coming up on Saturday July 16th. Please save the date on your calendar. We are planning a relaxing afternoon enjoying lunch and each other's company. It will be at the Live Oak Homeowner's Clubhouse from 12-3. The address is 5051 Seminole Drive, Concord. The cost will be \$10 per person. Karen Vecchi will be collecting the money. We will be sending out invitations. Painted charger plates will be part of our decorations. If you have finished painting your charger plate, please put it in a non-see through bag and give it Connie Oakley. Please contact Connie if you have any questions about the charger plates. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our celebration!  
*Connie and Karen*



**BUNCO FUNDRAISER**  
**Connie Oakley and Karen Vecchi**

The Bunco Fundraiser is coming up on August 20th at 11:30. It will again be at the Plumber's Hall in Martinez. We are accepting raffle donations - painted pieces, gift cards, items you would like to win. We will have a few themed raffle prizes which will be larger than our other raffle baskets. The themes are Christmas/Holiday, Halloween and Baby. These will be separate from the general raffle baskets and people can put tickets in for any of the themed baskets. Our theme for this year's fundraiser is "Garden Party". We will have lunch, play bunco and have our raffle drawing.

Karen Vecchi has Bunco tickets. 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 great price of \$25.00. You can turn the money into Karen. If you have any questions, please contact Connie or Karen.  
*Connie and Karen*



**AWARDS AND**  
**RECOGNITION**  
**Shirley Irwin**

The award that was given out at our May 2016 Meeting was to Cathy McCaughey for donating the April Special Raffle Prize.

*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](mailto:TBTNewsletter@comcast.net).

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## **TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

No Board Meeting was held on May 21, 2016.

## **TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
May 21, 2016

Present: Cathy McCaughey, Roni Marks, Karen Vecchi, Carrie Garrett, Barbara Bouchet, Agnes Ketterman-Dobert, Lucille Hart, Darlene Smith, Shirley Irwin, Jan Voester, Jeanie Strech, Trish Bertolucci

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy McCaughey at 10:13 am. The minutes of the April minutes were approved as published in the May newsletter (Jeanie Strech/Jan Voester).

Hospitality: Barbara Bouchet circulated the Hospitality sign-up book for future meetings.

Memorial Donation: Cathy advised we had planned to donate a brick in memory of Vicki Gardiner, but SDP no longer has this program. Cathy suggested that we instead donate \$50.00 to the Decorative Artists' Collection in Atlanta. Barbara Bouchet moved that we make this donation. Agnes Ketterman-Dobert seconded the motion and the motion carried. We have \$50.00 budgeted for bereavements.

Christmas Dinner: Cathy has reserved Mangio Bene in Martinez again for this event scheduled for the second Tuesday in December (the 13<sup>th</sup>), starting at 6:30 pm. The menu will be the same as last year and the cost will be \$30.00

per person. Beverages, other than coffee and iced tea, are not included.

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party: Karen Vecchi announced the cost is \$10.00 per person and she and Connie are catering the event on July 16, 2016. She discussed the plans for the party.

County Fair: Karen reported she is working with the fair people and will obtain the parking and fair passes for workers. Luci Flynn has a variety of baby gourds that she and Trish Bertolucci have prepared for the kids painting programs on Saturday and Sunday. Karen has helpers but can always use more. She needs donated paints for the fair.

Jeanie Strech advised us of Robert Mateik's (Loretta's husband) serious health issues. Liz Doran's husband also has serious health issues and we will keep both in our thoughts and prayers.

NCCC: Roni Marks reported on the last NCCC meeting at which they discussed options for fundraising for a future retreat. They have decided to hold a "chair affair" tentatively set for October 8, 2016 in Salida (near Manteca). The chairs are available from IKEA and would be purchased and prepped for the participants. They plan to start with an everyday chair and may do more patterns in the future. Everyone would paint the same design for their own use or to donate. All proceeds would go to the NCCC retreat fund. Jeanie advised she has a lot of assorted finials she could donate for the chairs. It was suggested we consider a tole train to attend.

Special Raffle: Trish advised Liz Doran has supplied the drawing prize consisting of a hand painted tea pot, olives and olive oil and was won by Carrie Garrett. Roni Marks also brought two "Designer" pins which were won by Cathy McCaughey and Trish Bertolucci.

Lily Pad: Trish brought a painted sample with bees and daisies. She has contacted the Surgical Pediatric Unit Manager at UCSF who is very excited about this project. As soon as the sample is completed she, Cathy and Roni will take it to the hospital to show them the finished product. The lily pads are placed at the bottom of an IV pole for the child to ride on. Trish is looking for help from the woodworking class at Liberty High School to cut the wood. Roni also suggested we consider partnering with local service clubs, such as the Elks Lodge, Soroptimists, etc., for funding help and Lowe's and local contractors for their help with the wood.

Awards and Recognition: Shirley presented an award to Cathy McCaughey for providing the April Special Raffle prize.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 am to Roni Marks teaching a Christmas rolling pin project.



**HOSPITALITY**  
Barbara Bouchet

Thank you to the members who volunteered to bring items for our June meeting.

Snacks: Darlene Smith, Lucille Hart and Sue Platania  
Beverages: Tamara Mannon, Trish Bertolucci, and Karen Vecchi  
Ice: Barbara Bouchet

Barbara



**SUNSHINE**  
Holley Yarberry



**June 2016 Birthdays**

Merlene Ryan 06/07  
Darlene Smith 06/25  
Agnes Ketterman Dobert 06/26

**July 2016 Birthdays**

Liz Little 07/01  
Cathy McCaughey 07/04

Please keep Loretta Mateik's husband Robert and Liz Doran's husband Bob in your thoughts and prayers. They are going through some very rough health issues. Sending all our love and support to you all.

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

Holley



**TBT IMPORTANT DATES**

**Tuesday June 21** 6:45 Board Meeting, 7-9pm General Meeting, Carrie Garrett teaching glass pendant  
**Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary Party  
Live Oak Homeowner's Clubhouse, Concord CA  
**Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>** Bunko Fundraiser at Plumber's Hall Martinez  
**Saturday September 17** 10am-3pm Jann Otvos teaching  
**Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>** Jilly Bean Seminar  
**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** 6:45 pm Board Meeting, 7-9 pm General Meeting, Halloween Ornament Exchange, Liz Little teaching  
**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** 1pm-4pm 2017 Planning Meeting at First Lutheran Church  
**Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** 6:45 pm Board Meeting, 7-9pm General Meeting, D.J. West teaching  
**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** 6:30pm Christmas Dinner (Christmas Ornament exchange)

**2016 CONVENTION DATES**

August 8-13<sup>th</sup>, HOOT  
September 21-25<sup>th</sup>, Decorative Painting Convention, Seattle  
September 26- October 1<sup>st</sup> Painting Palooza, Oklahoma City



**TIPS, HINTS AND HELPS  
AND 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](mailto: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.

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**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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The costs of advertising in this newsletter are as follows:



**Toll Bridge Tolars  
Registration Form for Scarecrow  
Saturday, September 17, 2016**

Sign up deadline August 20, 2016

Regular meeting place, First Lutheran Church, 4000 Concord Blvd, Concord.

Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm \$12.00 Cost includes surface, instructions and painted.

**You must be present at the meeting and stay to paint in order to receive the surface.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring your own lunch.

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

No refunds but may transfer to another person if you need to cancel.

# REGISTRATION FOR JILLYBEAN SEMINAR



**Saturday-** Santa and a Reindeer (Acrylic)

**Sunday** – Birthday Cake and Halloween wine glasses (glass painting)

**Date:** Saturday and Sunday Oct 1 & 2, 2016

**Time:** 9:00 to 5:00pm

**Location:** Saturday-Our regular meeting room at the First Lutheran Church

Sunday-The Veterans' Building in Martinez.

**Cost---**\$50 for each day, \$20 deposit with sign up.

**Seminar cancellation deadline –Aug 9, 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. **Surfaces:** You may provide your own wood or order below.

Please purchase your own (Large wine) glasses. **Lunch** will be served. [r.merlene@yahoo.com](mailto:r.merlene@yahoo.com)

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Member<sup>1</sup> \$50, Non-member \$55

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Member \$50, Non-member \$55

Both days \_\_\_\_\_ Member \$95, Non-member \$100

Wood for Sat \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.50 + shipping (I would prefer you just order and pay on arrival)

\$ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ \$ Amount due later \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Member is anyone who is a member of Toll Bridge Tolers or any other NCCC chapter.