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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey
President

In the upcoming months we have a lot of opportunities for members to participate in a variety of events. We have our second Saturday meeting on May 21st from 10am-3pm. Roni Marks is teaching and lunch will be provided, just bring a drink. The county fair is fast approaching and we need members to volunteer on the weekend to help with our ever popular kids' painting project and also to submit your painted entries to the fair.

In July we have our 20th anniversary luncheon. I hope everyone plans on attending this special celebration of our chapter and its members, even if you did not participate in the painted charger project. I am looking forward to visiting with everyone and viewing the plates that were selected and painted by our members.

The Bunko fundraiser is in August and we rely on the hard work and generosity of our membership to help with decorations, set up (and clean up), bringing food, purchasing tickets to attend and donating items for our raffle prizes. We have three great charities: First Lutheran Church, Heart of a Hero, and Bay Area Crisis Nursery that will be the beneficiaries of our fundraising this year.

Finally, I would like to wish all the Mothers/Grandmothers/Aunties in our chapter a Happy Mother's Day whether you have a child that has two legs or a tail (or feathers or fins).

"Being a mother is not about what you gave up to have a child, but what you gained from having one." Author Unknown

Cathy



PROGRAMS

Tamara Mannon
1st Vice President

At TBT's April program, Shirley taught a Gail Anderson's floral project. Thank you Shirley for a nice and relaxed project. There was a wide range of surfaces – boards, boxes, tin bucket. The majority of the members completed their board.

As for our May project which will be held on Saturday, 21st, Roni Marks will be teaching a Christmas project – a wooden Rolling pin. The rolling pin can be purchased at Wal Mart, Dollar Tree, 99 cents store, garage sales or goodwill. It must be no smaller than a 6-inch wood rolling pin, which can be found in the toy section or they can be larger ones from the kitchen section. The rolling pin can be painted quickly so if you are a fast painter you could work on more than one.

Supplies to Bring:

Americana Paints -
Asphaltum
Avocado
Cad Yellow
Country Red
Deep Burgundy

Green Tea
 Black
 Grey Sky
 Light Buttermilk
 Light Avocado
 Plantation Pine
 Warm White
 Midnight Blue

Materials:

Blow dryer
 Stylus
 3/4 Painters Tape
 See thru ruler
 #1 Script liner
 1/2 angle brush,
 1/4 angle brush
 10/0 liner
 Dry brush

Prep work:

Wash and let dry, then sand completely to remove the shine and any residue of oil, butter, etc. Sand the handles too. Seal with your favorite all-purpose sealer - let dry. Base the handles black, or Midnight green, base the rolling pin with two coats of light buttermilk.

The cost of the project is \$5.00 and Roni will be providing the pattern and the embellishments (not shown in the picture). She will bring ribbon, glitz, rhinestones, etc. Lunch will be provided so if you wish to bring dessert, that would be welcomed.



Tamara



Happy Mother's Day

MEMBERSHIP

Karen Vecchi
2nd Vice President

The 2016 TBT Membership Booklet was handed out at the March meeting. There are a few corrections that will be made and Lucille Hart will be added to the listing. I will make the corrections and hand out a new booklet at our Saturday May 21st paint day. If you did not get a booklet and would like one, please email me and I will put one in the mail to you.

We are always accepting membership dues.

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

At our April meeting, the special raffle prize was a beautiful Hawaiian bag, macadamia nut crunch, Silver brush set and a \$20.00 JoAnn's gift card. The lucky winner was Barbara Bouchet.

Connie and Karen are accepting raffle prize donations for our big Bunko fundraiser. Please print or attach the bunko donation form to your items that you are donating. You can bring your donations to the May meeting. The event is coming up fast! Thank you to everyone who has donated items already.

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 last meeting. We will be painting 2 projects on glass. Saturday is the Santa and Blitzen. Here are the pictures of the projects.





I will need your commitment early in August to know if we are a “go” or have to cancel. 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. Please contact Merlene Ryan by email r.merlene@yahoo.com or phone 925-754-7997.

Merlene, Tamara and Vivian

the Fair. It helps keep our category at the Fair alive and share our art. The deadline to enter was April 30th but you still have a chance to put in a late entry for a fee. The dates to drop display items off are Friday May 13th from 3:00-8:00 or Saturday May 14th from 8:00-3:00. We will be doing Make-it-Take-it projects for kids on Saturday June 4th and Sunday June 5th from 1:00-3:00. We have a few people signed up to help but can always use more. Please let us know if you can spare a few hours if you can help and let kids be creative. If you entered items in the fair, the pick dates are Tuesday June 7th from 10:00-6:00 or Wednesday from 8:00-5:00. See you at the Fair!

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

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

Karen Vecchi and Luci Flynn; Co-Chairs



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



TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS



It hard to believe and wonderful that our chapter is celebrating 20 years as a chapter. Our 20th anniversary celebration is a luncheon on Saturday July 16th at the Live Oak Clubhouse in Concord. We hope everyone is busy working on their charger plates which we will be excited to see and help decorate our event. We have so many wonderful members and painters and we are looking forward to enjoying an afternoon celebrating our chapter.

We are still working on the details and cost and hope to have more information soon. You are welcome to invite guests to join our celebration. Completed charger plates can be given to Connie or you can bring it to the celebration on July 16th. If you did not participate in the charger plate project, you can still come and enjoy lunch with us. The more the merrier. If you are in contact with past members who are no longer in our chapter, please invite them to join us and let us know so we can plan for the attendance.

Connie and Karen

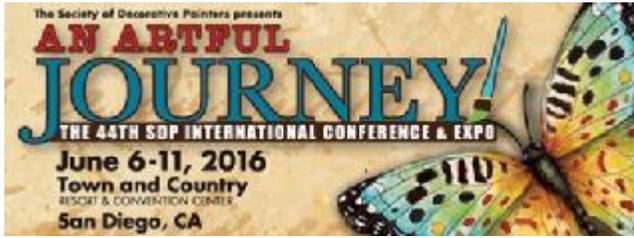


CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIR

Karen Vecchi and Luci Flynn

The County Fair is just around the corner June 2 to June 5, 2016. We hope everyone has entered items to display at

SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE PAINTERS 2016 CONVENTION



Take "An Artful Journey" by attending one of the largest decorative painting shows in North America. The 44th Annual Society of Decorative Painters Conference & Expo will take place June 6-11, 2016 at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego, CA.

Your journey in San Diego will include:

- Six days of hands-on learning from well-known and respected decorative painting teachers who want to help you succeed and grow as an artist.
- Numerous painting classes representing a variety of mediums, including acrylic, colored pencil, mixed media, oil, watercolor and more.
- A special event by Conference Artist Debbie Cole CDA, who will teach you how to create her three dimensional mixed media Conference art and design.
- Three days of shopping the Expo floor, the ultimate shopping experience of painting supplies and surfaces, pattern packets, finished goods and new products, appealing to artisans, creative enthusiasts, hobbyists and the general public.
- A non-juried art show that gives you the opportunity to experiment and challenge your artistic skills.
- Social events like a welcome gathering, the Annual Banquet and Chapters & Members Gathering where you will meet and socialize with new and old friends who share your interest and passion for the decorative painting art form.
- A first look at the 2015 Certification Program passing entries, including the inaugural entries of the new Accredited Decorative Painter program.
- Special prices for SDP merchandise and Conference-exclusive items at the Painters Boutique.
- A full week of beautiful San Diego weather, painting and FUN!

To register go to:
<http://www.decorativepainters.org/2016.php>
And click on the "Register" link.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Shirley Irwin

Many awards were handed out at our April meeting. We have the best membership who is so willing to donate, volunteer and help our chapter to be so successful.

Awards handed out were:

Jann Otvos- Donating the Special Raffle Prize for Feb.
Loretta Mateik- For her excellence on the website
Trish Bertolucci- For doing many "good things"
Karen Vecchi- For doing so many "great things and one for donating the Special Raffle prize for March.
Loretta Mateik, Barbara Bouchet, Jann Otvos and Trish Bertolucci all received one for donating raffle prizes to the First Lutheran Crab Feed.

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 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2016

Present: Cathy McCaughey, Holley Yarberr, Darlene Smith, Tamara Mannon, Shirley Irwin, Lucille Hart, Barbara Bouchet, Merlene Ryan, Trish Bertolucci, Karen Vecchi, Jann Otvos

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy McCaughey at 6:45 pm. Cathy announced we received a brochure and donation request from Loaves and Fishes. Our Certificate of Liability Insurance has been received from SDP. Form 990N IRS for 2016 is due by May 15. Treasurer Jann Otvos advised it has already been sent. A chapters' gathering meeting will be held at the San Diego SDP convention and the cost is \$20 for our representative to attend. This will be brought up at the general meeting to follow. Discussion will be held to determine what to do if there are not enough surfaces available for those who stay to paint the project. It was felt that the people who stay to paint should have first crack at a surface. Cathy suggested we table this item and bring it up if it occurs again in the future.

SDP has sent an email to members extending the early registration deadline. SDP is also suggesting a Round Table Pizza fundraiser for chapters. SDP will also give chapters a 10% rebate when bringing in five or more new members.

2016 Handbook: Karen distributed the new handbook and noted some corrections need to be made.

Special Drawing: Trish advised the drawing prize was provided by Cathy McCaughey – a tote bag from Hawaii with macadamia nut popcorn, a gift card from Jo-Ann's and some Silver brushes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
April 19, 2016

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

President: Cathy received a brochure/donation request

from Loaves and Fishes and a thank you letter from the Department of Veteran's Affairs for the tote bags and supplies we donated to the Veteran's Hospital. A Southern California painter is interested in going on our 2017 cruise. The SDP conference in San Diego includes a chapter gathering. Jann Otvos will attend the conference and possibly the meeting. The cost is \$20 and it was unanimously approved that the chapter pay this fee if someone attends. SDP is suggesting a Round Table Pizza fundraiser for chapters. We decided we were not interested in doing this. SDP will also give chapters a 10% rebate when they bring in five or more new members.

Ways and Means: Trish Bertolucci advised the special raffle prize tonight was donated by Cathy McCaughey and consisted of a tote bag from Hawaii, some macadamia nut popcorn, a gift card from Jo-Ann's and some Silver brushes.

Seminars: Merlene Ryan received a thank you note from Cheri Rol and brought some paints and brushes Jeanie Strech donated to the chapter for the Cheri Rol seminar. Merlene also included some paint solutions. Merlene circulated suggested projects for Jillybean's second class on October 2, and a vote was taken. Merlene will get the information out regarding the projects selected. October 1 will be held at First Lutheran Church and October 2 will be at the Veteran's Hall in Martinez. Merlene will need a deposit from those attending by the beginning of August and estimates the cost to be about \$50 per day.

Hospitality: There are still lunch leftovers to use for the Saturday, May 21, meeting so everyone just needs to bring their own drinks and any desserts to share.

County Fair: Karen Vecchi reminded everyone to send in their entry applications by the end of the month. There is no charge and no prizes. We will again have a children's program painting rulers on Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, from 1 to 3 pm and she is asking for volunteers to assist on those days.

20th Anniversary: Members were asked to bring their painted charger plates to the party. We will get information on how to sign them. The party will be held at Connie Oakley's club house, not the Plumbers' Hall as originally planned. She is looking for a caterer.

Bunko: Karen advised it will be a garden theme this year with flowers. She is accepting raffle prizes and asked that they be given to her prior to that day. Any items brought that day will be held for next year or used for the Special Drawing at a meeting. She will be doing themed baskets again.

Handbook: Karen passed out the 2016 Chapter handbook and noted a few corrections she will be making.

Awards and Recognition: Shirley Irwin passed out awards to the following members: Darlene Smith, Jann Otvos (2), Loretta Mateik (2), Cathy McCaughey, Merlene Ryan, Barbara Bouchet, Trish Bertolucci (2) & Karen Vecchi (2).

Community Service: Jann Otvos brought in a lily pad prototype made by Jay Otvos and Trish advised she has done more research on them and has received information from Nick's mom. Al Roker did a segment on the lily pads and Trish has information from the "See You Later" organization about them. Trish's friend talked to nurses at UCSF and they were excited about them. Cathy advised she needs to talk to the Patient Care Coordinator at the hospital. As the target population is very young, bright colors and simple patterns were suggested. The cost is estimated at about \$16 each. We may check with Lowe's to see about them donating the sheets of plywood. A painting party was suggested for the prototype to take to one hospital to start. It was suggested that a fundraiser box be available at Bunko and the County Fair for any donations to this project.

Announcement: We were advised that Marianne Simpson fell and broke her wrist and will be having surgery.

Treasurer's Report: Jann advised the report was available for review.

Special Drawing: The Hawaiian tote bag, popcorn, gift card from Jo-Ann's and Silver brushes were donated by Cathy McCaughey and won by Barbara Bouchet.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm to the program. Shirley Irwin taught a Gail Anderson floral project.

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

At our May meeting, Lunch will be provided. We have sandwich stuff left over. Please bring your own drinks. And as always, if you want to bring something to share, please do!

Barbara



SUNSHINE
Holley Yarberry



TBT IMPORTANT DATES



May 2016 Birthdays

Connie Oakley 05/24



June 2016 Birthdays

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

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



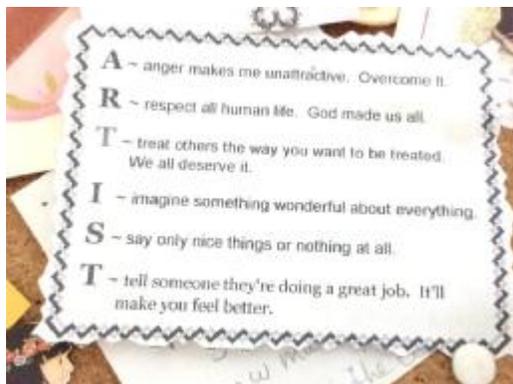
TIPS, HINTS AND HELPS AND TRADING POST

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 and she will make sure it goes into the newsletter the following month! We can always use a little help.

FOR SALE OR TRADE!!—

Luci Flynn has an extra unfinished Golda Rader box that was hand made by Jann's husband, Jay. It comes with all the petal pieces. For sale or trade. I think it was about \$25. She loves the box but just doesn't think she is going to use it. You can email Luci at lucimarie@yahoo.com or call her at (925) 516-6449.

A fellow member of the Facebook page Tole Painters Unite name Carolyn Roach posted this that she wrote about being an "Artist". (by permission) Thought I would share it with all of you! *Trish*



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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