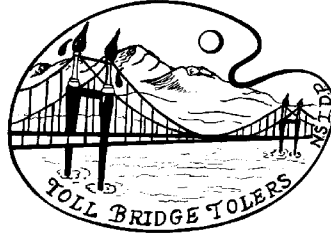


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey
President

It is time to think about planning for 2017 and celebrating 2016. Our planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday November 13th from 1-4pm at the Lutheran Church. All members are invited to attend but it would be helpful for 2017 Board members and Chairpersons to come to help plan the activities and goals for our Chapter for 2017. Our December dinner and Awards Recognition is scheduled for Tuesday December 13th at Mangia Bene Restaurant in Martinez at 6:30 pm. Please see the attached flyer to the newsletter. I need your mailed check for \$30 made out to TBT by December 6th to get a head count. You do not need to pre-order your meal. The \$30 does not include any beverages other than water. It does include dessert which they told me would be Tiramisu. Looking forward to celebrating a very productive and fun filled painting year with our chapter. Our November meeting will be run by past President Karen Vecchi. We will be distributing our donation checks to the Lutheran Church, Bay Area Crisis Nursery and Heart of a Hero. There is a rumor that a super hero may be in attendance so I am sorry I will miss it.

Finally, our thanks to Trish Bertolucci who has been in frequent contact with SDP and has been successful in

having our Chapter's 20th year Anniversary Celebration featured in the Chapter News in an upcoming issue of SDP's magazine. Way to go Trish.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving full of family, friends, food, fun and laughter!

Cathy



PROGRAMS

Tamara Mannon
1st Vice President

What a great turn out we had at our October meeting. Check out the TBT website for the pictures that Loretta took and uploaded.

We had a full packed meeting which started with the Halloween ornament exchange from participating members. We sure do have a lot of talented painters. THANK YOU Liz Little for teaching a cute Chris Haughey design "Bag of Tricks Frog" ornament for the October program. Everyone enjoyed themselves by seeing all the smiles and listening to all the laughter. Liz kept the process moving with the limited time she had and most of the members completed their frog ornament. Now onto the November program. DJ West will be teaching a snowman ornament that was published in

PaintWorks -- the project is called Santa and Friends ornaments by Cindi Combs. The snowman was a set of four ornaments. DJ will be supplying the paints and instructions. The cost is \$3.00. Please bring your normal painting supplies. The brushes -- 20/0 liner, regular shading and highlighting, medium dry brush, deerfoot (medium-to-large) and a splattering tool. DJ will have a few splattering tools so if you don't have one, don't worry.



Tamara



MEMBERSHIP

Karen Vecchi
2nd Vice President

This is the last chance to get your dues in on time!! If you have not done it already, please renew your 2017 National dues and chapter dues. The chapter dues are \$15 for the year! The National dues are \$50 for the year and go up to \$55 after December 1st. You can access the Membership Application form on our website at www.tollbridgetolers.org or it is in the back of this newsletter. Mail the check and form to Toll Bridge Tolers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553 or bring it to the meeting. The Society of Decorative Painters website is www.decorativepainters.org to renew or join. The National dues are now done through the Craft and Hobby Association. If you need assistance, I would be happy to help you renew your National dues. Just give me a call or send me an e-mail.

Karen Vecchi



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Roz Borgerson

Happy painting and decorating everyone. Tis the season. All is well with memory boxes. Liz Little has the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center painting restoration of the mural under control. Thank you Liz. I will let you know when we have a need to start painting memory boxes. Take Care everyone

Fondly, Roz

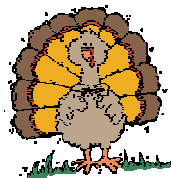


WAYS AND MEANS

Trish Bertolucci

At our October meeting, Marianne Simpson donated a beautiful Halloween themed basket with tons of goodies! It included a pumpkin treats tin, bottle of Stella Rosa wine, two wine glasses, a filled candy dish, votive candles, pumpkin dish towel and two sparkly spiders. The lucky winner was Shirley Irwin. Congratulations Shirley!

Trish



SEMINARS

Merlene Ryan, Vivian Roubal and Tamara Mannon

Carolyn Silvas will be teaching her reverse painting on plexiglass on Jan 21, 2017. It is giraffes. Cost will be \$58.00. This includes the surface. A deposit will hold your place and give the teacher a count. Don't let this get lost in all the holiday business. Registration form is at the end of the newsletter. We will have a pot luck potato bar for lunch. It will be held at our regular meeting room at the church. Email or call with any questions. Merlene Ryan r.merlene@yahoo.com or 925-754-7997

Merlene, Tamara and Vivian





AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Shirley Irwin

There were a lot of awards handed out at the October meeting. Members who received awards were: Liz Doran, Luci Flynn, Trish Bertolucci, Rose Marie Roza, Tamara Mannon, Carrie Garrett, Jann and her husband Jay Otvos, Jeanie Strech, Marianne Simpson, Suzanne Olson and Cathy McCaughey. Wow!! Thank you so much to our members who help our chapter be a great success. If you would like to recognize anyone who has done something extra special, please let me know.

Shirley

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH FUNDRAISERS

Darlene Smith

First Lutheran Church Preschool will be holding its annual "Breakfast with Santa" in early December. Last year several TBT members generously donated small raffle items and/or painted ornaments which were very much appreciated. Please consider donating to this event once again. The items would be needed by the November TBT meeting.

Also, the annual January Crabfeed will be held the end of January, 2017. Any raffle/silent auction items donated for this main fundraiser for the preschool would be very much appreciated.

Painted items and gift baskets have been a big hit in the past. This is another way we can show our appreciation for the church allowing us to use the meeting room. The items should be brought to the January meeting.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you very much!

Darlene

SLATE OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2017

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

President:	Cathy McCaughey
1 st VP-Programs :	Marianne Simpson
2 nd VP-Membership:	Karen Vecchi
Secretary:	Darlene Smith
Treasurer:	Jann Otvos
Newsletter:	Trish Bertolucci
Ways and Means:	Trish Bertolucci

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

County Fair:	Karen Vecchi and Luci Flynn
Community Projects:	Roz Borgerson

Dec. Painting Month:	Cathy McCaughey and Suzanne Olson
Handbook:	Karen Vecchi
Historian:	Loretta Mateik
Hospitality:	Barbara Bouchet
Librarian:	Jann Otvos
N.C.C.C. Reps:	VACANT
Seminars/Paint-ins:	Merlene Ryan, Carrie Garrett and Cathy McCaughey
Nominating Committee:	Luci Flynn
Parliamentarian:	Karen Vecchi
Rewards/Recognition:	Shirley Irwin
Sunshine:	Holley Yarberry
Website:	Loretta Mateik
Publicity:	Lisa Schall

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.

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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

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
October 18, 2016

Present: Roni Marks, Darlene Smith, Shirley Irwin, Tamara Mannon, Barbara Bouchet, Cathy McCaughey, Holley Yarberry, Trish Bertolucci, Liz Little, Carrie

Garrett, Jann Otvos, Marianne Simpson, Sally Colclough, Luci Flynn, Liz Doran, Rose Marie Roza, Suzanne Olson

Cathy McCaughey called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. The agenda for the General meeting to follow was reviewed and finalized. Cathy noted there are three positions vacant for the slate of 2017 officers – Historian, Webmaster and NCCC Representatives. There is an issue with the web domain charge and Cathy will talk to Loretta Mateik about it.

The 2017 Planning Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at First Lutheran Church at 1:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
October 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy McCaughey at 7:00 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the September 17, 2016 meeting were approved as published in the October newsletter (Suzanne Olson/Luci Flynn).

Announcements – Cathy welcomed new member Sally Colclough and thanked her for hosting Jillybean in her home for the recent seminar and providing airport transportation. New member Janet McCarthy was also welcomed.

Charities – Checks will be presented to our three selected charities at the November meeting. \$300 will go to First Lutheran Church and the balance from the Bunco raffle proceeds will be split between the Bay Area Crisis Nursery and Heart of a Hero for a total of \$775 each. Representatives will be here to accept the checks.

Christmas Dinner – Cathy passed out the menu for the dinner on December 13 at Mangia Bene in Martinez and asked that checks be made out to Toll Bridge Tolars and given or mailed to her by December 6. Installation of officers and the Christmas ornament exchange will be included that evening. Advance menu selection is not required.

Membership – Cathy reminded SDP and Chapter dues are due.

Treasurer – Jann Otvos provided the Treasurer's Report for review. She indicated she is waiting for the Bunco expenses to be presented to her.

Election of 2017 Officers – Luci Flynn presented the slate of officers. Loretta Mateik volunteered to continue as Historian and Webmaster. There were no volunteers to be the NCCC representatives. There were no other

nominations from the floor and the slate as presented was unanimously elected (Trish Bertolucci/Roni Marks).

Ways and Means – Trish Bertolucci reported an article about our 20th Anniversary party will be published in the November issue of the SDP magazine. The Special Drawing prize this evening was donated by Marianne Simpson with a Halloween theme.

Seminars – Jann reported for Merlene Ryan that there was some money remaining from the Jillybean seminar and it was suggested, moved and approved to give Sally Colclough \$30.00 for gas money (Barbara Bouchet/Roni Marks).

Cathy advised Merlene Ryan would like to be emailed feedback from those members who took the new DecoArt products home after the September meeting.

Awards – Shirley Irwin presented awards to Liz Doran, Luci Flynn, Trish Bertolucci, Rose Marie Roza, Tamara Mannon, Carrie Garrett, Jann (and Jay) Otvos, Jeanie Strech, Marianne Simpson, Suzanne Olson and Cathy McCaughey.

Community Service – Liz Little advised she has emailed the County Hospital regarding their request for us to refresh the mural TBT painted a few years ago and has received no response to date. She is willing to do it but would like some help. Vivian Roubal advised the Veterans' Hall is still interested in TBT working on their men's bathroom. Trish advised she has not heard back from the hospital regarding the IV pole lily pads.

County Fair – Luci Flynn reported she has 50 rulers left over from last year and 45 more have been purchased. She asked for additional donations of small rounds or squares of wood and Shirley advised she has an assortment of wooden eggs she will donate.

Library Display – Cathy advised Suzanne Olson will be taking down the Concord Library display on October 31st and Holley Yarberry volunteered to help her.

Hospitality - Barbara Bouchet circulated the refreshment book for sign-ups.

The Halloween ornament exchange followed.

Special Drawing – The Halloween bucket and contents was won by Shirley Irwin.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm to the frog ornament taught by Liz Little.





SUNSHINE
Holley Yarberry



November 2016 Birthdays

Barbara Gregoire	11/5
Liz Doran	11/19
Lisa Schall	11/26
Luci Flynn	11/27
Trish Bertolucci	11/28
Sue Platania	11/30



December 2016 Birthdays

Marianne Simpson	12/21
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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

Thank you everyone for stepping up to the "plate" for volunteering to bring items for our November meeting.

Snacks: Loretta Mateik, Jann Otvos, and Liz Doran

Beverages: Darlene

Ice: Barbara Bouchet

Barbara



TBT IMPORTANT DATES

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)

2017 IMPORTANT DATES

January 21, 2017- Carolyn Silvas Giraffe Seminar First Lutheran Church, Concord CA
May 16-20, 2017 SDP's International Conference and Expo, Daytona Beach, Florida
September 13-17 2017- Paint a Season of Memories Regional Conference and Expo Portland, Oregon



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.

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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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Registration Form for Carolyn Silvas Seminar

Reverse painting on Plexi-glass- Giraffes



Date: Saturday, Jan 21, 2017

Time: To be announced (probably 10 to 4ish)

Location—our regular meeting room at First Lutheran Church, Concord CA

Cost---\$58.00 – (\$20.00 deposit with sign up)

Seminar cancellation deadline –January 3, 2017. Please send your deposit before this, if at all possible. Last minute sign-ups and final NO exceptions deadline—January 13th! Remainder of fee is due before class starts. No refunds unless class is cancelled. You may transfer to another person if you need to cancel.

Surface: Included in fee.

Lunch will be a pot luck potato bar. You will be contacted for your donation.

Questions? Email or call me- r.merlene@yahoo.com 925-754-7997

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

\$ Amount Enclosed _____ \$ Amount due later _____

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



TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2017

Dues are \$15 per Year, payable October 1, and delinquent November 1

SDP# _____ Birth Month and Day _____

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones: Home () _____ Cell () _____

Work () _____ Email _____

Fax () _____

For Emergencies only Health Issues _____

Medication pertinent to health issues _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ relationship _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

Are you a new Member Yes _____ No _____

Are you a member of another chapter Yes _____ No _____ Name _____

Are you a teacher _____ Medium _____

Your cancelled check is your receipt of dues payment.

You must be a member of the Society of Decorative Artist, info on www.decorativepainters.org

Current SDP membership card or **SDP** E-mail must accompany this application form and return to:

Toll Bridge Tolars
P. O. Box 2671
Martinez, Ca. 94553

Date received _____

Check # _____

Cash _____

OK to publish: Yes or NO



December 13, 2016

Join Toll Bridge Toler for the Annual
Holiday Celebration at
Mangia Bene Restaurant
1170 Arnold Dr., Martinez at 6:30 pm
(in the I-Hop shopping complex)

\$30 - Make checks payable to Toll Bridge Toler

Meal includes Soup or 1/2 Salad, Entrée, Dessert (Tiramisu), tax, & tip. You will need to purchase wine or drinks other than water on your own.

Mangia Bene will have a menu to order from on that date. You do not have to pre order. Selections they agreed you would be able to order from include:

Capellini al Pomodoro (angel hair pasta, marinara sauce. Choice of plate or with garlic or shrimp)

Spaghetti alla Bolognese (Spaghetti pasta with Bolognese meat sauce & mushrooms)

Pennette alla Vodka (pasta tubes, parmesan, onions, life cream and a shot of vodka)

Cannelloni di Pollo (homemade & stuffed with ground roasted chicken and vegetables)

Ravioli con Pomodoro e Basilico (hand made filled with spinach, swiss chard, pine nuts & ricotta - tomato sauce)

Lasagna (Bolognese sauce, parmesan cheese, marinara, & homemade pasta)

Fettuccine Alfredo or alla Friulana - alfredo is a creamy sauce with chicken or plate, Friulana has mild Italian sausage and a tomato sauce

Turkey di Zucca- home made ravioli filled with roasted butternut squash & ricotta cheese with your choice of a cream and sage or Browned butter and sage sauce

Send Checks by Dec. 6th to: Cathy McCaughey 4296 Woodland Dr Concord, CA 94521

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