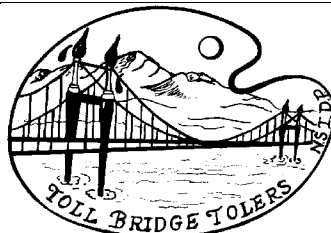


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Autumn is Here!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey
President

We are coming to the end of our Chapter year. By the time you read this newsletter we will have sponsored a two-day seminar with Jillybean. Coming up is our October meeting with a class taught by Liz Little. You had to purchase and prep the surface before the meeting. In addition to the project, we will have our Halloween ornament exchange. It was discussed, voted on and unanimously approved at our September meeting that in all our future ornament exchanges for whatever holiday, items to be exchanged are to be painted or crafted (not store bought). It is okay for members to purchase items to exchange from another painter. I hope everyone renews their membership with our chapter. Our first 2017 seminar will be a pen, ink, and acrylic on plexi glass class (giraffes) taught by Carolyn Silvas in January. In addition to that, our chapter hopes to sponsor a 3 or 4-day painting cruise in November 2017 leaving out of Long Beach. Friends and families will be welcome to come on the cruise as well. So join up so that you can stay up to date about our upcoming activities. A final request is that members look at the 2017 slate of officers and consider volunteering for the open positions that are listed. We all help and support one another not only in our elected roles but also as painters and individuals and that is an additional bonus as chapter members.

Cathy



PROGRAMS

Tamara Mannon
1st Vice President

Happy Fall everyone. To start off the season, Jann taught the scarecrow at our September program. What a turnout and the happy faces the members had with their painted project. THANK YOU Jann and Jay for putting this event together.

We have a jam packed October meeting. In addition to our painting project, we have the Fall ornament exchange. This is voluntary if you wish to participate. Please bring the ornament in a plain brown bag for the exchange. Liz Little will be teaching a cute Chris Haughey design "Bag of Tricks Frog" ornament for the October program. The surface was passed out at the September meeting. With the overwhelming response, Liz ordered more surfaces. If you want to have the surface, please contact her. Extras surfaces (\$5.00) will be available at the meeting. Just in case you need instructions, Liz has provided you them at the end of the newsletter. She will be providing you with the paints just in case you forget them or don't have the color. Please bring your regular painting supplies.



Halloween frog that Liz Little is teaching at the October meeting.

Tamara



MEMBERSHIP

Karen Vecchi
2nd Vice President

Give yourself a treat and not a trick and renew your dues today!! Now is the time to renew your National dues and your chapter dues. The chapter dues are the same great bargain as it has been for the last 20 years - \$15 for the year! Thank you to the members that have already renewed their dues. It is really appreciated! 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 National membership dues are \$50 for the calendar year if paid before December 1st. After December 1st the SDP dues raise to \$55. The Society of Decorative Painters website is www.decorativepainters.org to renew or join.

Karen



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Roz Borgerson

Hi everyone. Happy Fall. We are good with memory boxes, so everyone can paint away for Halloween and Christmas. Jann thank you for the beautiful boxes you painted. Liz thank you for helping Contra Costa Regional Medical Center restore the mural you all painted. God Bless. I have boxes for you to paint if you want, please call me at (925) 825-6547.

Fondly, Roz



WAYS AND MEANS

Trish Bertolucci

The September special drawing was a pad of palette paper and several paper brushes donated by Shirley Irwin. The lucky winner was Liz Doran.

Trish



SEMINARS

Merlene Ryan, Vivian Roubal and Tamara Mannon

Carolyn Silvas will be teaching her reverse painting on plexiglass on Jan 21. It is giraffes. Cost will be \$58. This includes surface. Registration form will be in the next newsletter. This is information for planning so mark your calendars. We will have a potato bar for lunch. Sign-up sheet next month. Merlene Ryan r.merlene@yahoo.com 925-754-7997



Merlene, Tamara and Vivian



NCCC NEWS

Connie Oakley, Karen Vecchi

The "Chair Affair" event is on October 8, 2016 in Salida at the Salida Library. The event will go from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Below are the two designs that will be put on the chairs. A few from our Chapter will be attending. We will give you a report on how the event went next month.



Connie and Karen

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 Smith

BOARD AND COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS FOR 2017



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Shirley Irwin

No awards were handed out at the September meeting. Please let me know if you would like to give a member recognition for going that extra mile for our chapter!

Shirley

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OCTOBER IS DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

Library Display

If any of you are in the Concord area, stop by and check out our Display in the Concord Main Library's inside Display window during the month of October in celebration of Decorative Painting Month.

Suzanne Olson and Cathy McCaughey

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:	VACANT
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Librarian:	Jann Otvos
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Nominating Committee:	Luci Flynn
Parliamentarian:	Karen Vecchi
Rewards/Recognition:	Shirley Irwin
Sunshine:	Holley Yarberry
Website:	VACANT
Publicity:	Lisa Schall



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH FUNDAISERS

Darlene Smith

First Lutheran Church Preschool will be holding it's 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



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

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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

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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 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
September 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by President Cathy McCaughey with a quorum present. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as printed (Karen Vecchi/Trish Bertolucci).

President – Correspondence: The 2015 Chapter Achievement award was received from SDP as well as an award acknowledging our 20th anniversary as an affiliated chapter. A thank you note was received from the Department of Veterans' Affairs for our donation of paint brushes, toiletries, etc. Acknowledgment was received from the National Museum of Decorative Painting for our donation in memory of Vicki Gardiner.

Cathy advised SDP has moved and circulated the announcement. (The new address is 1220 E. First Street, Wichita, KS 67214 - (316) 269-9300.) She also advised she has received a 100 page 2016 Chapter President survey and will email it to anyone who wishes to read it.

The suggestion was discussed to have two baskets for ornament exchanges – one for painted ornaments and purchased non-painted items in another. Jeanie Strech commented that there is plenty of time to paint ornaments and it shouldn't be necessary to include other items. **Jan Voester moved that the Easter, Halloween and Christmas ornament exchange items should be hand painted or handmade, not purchased items. Carrie Garrett seconded the motion and it was approved.**

Cathy announced the Christmas dinner and ornament exchange will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at Mangia Bene in Martinez, beginning at 6:30 pm, and at a cost of \$30 per person. The menu and information will be available in October/November.

Membership: Karen Vecchi is accepting membership applications and dues and noted dues will be late December 1st for both the Chapter and SDP.

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

Ways and Means: Trish Bertolucci announced today's special drawing prize was donated by Shirley Irwin and consisted of six brushes and palette paper. She advised she will be taking the lily pad for pediatric IV stands to the hospital when a date is set. Roni Marks plans to accompany her.

20th Anniversary: Karen reported the party was fabulous and thanked the anniversary committee for a wonderful event. The hors d'oeuvres made by Jann were wonderful.

Bunco: Karen advised \$2,050 was made on the raffle and 80 tickets were sold. The lunch was limited to salads and desserts this year and it went well. The fundraiser is still receiving expense receipts. First Lutheran Church will receive \$300 and the balance split between Heart of a Hero and the Bay Area Crisis Nursery, our two selected charities, once the income from the event has been determined.

NCCC: Karen reported the Chair Affair being held in Salida has 37 participants signed up. The income generated will not be nearly enough to fund another NCCC retreat. Karen advised she and Connie Oakley will not be our representatives to NCCC after this year and she discussed their reasons, noting chapter members are aging and there is not enough membership to sustain NCCC the way it is currently organized. Traveling to the quarterly meetings is also a burden.

Seminars: Merlene Ryan reported there are sufficient sign-ups for the Jillybean seminar to go forward on October 1st and 2nd. She asked that she be called with any questions. The giraffe class is on January 21st at First Lutheran Church and registration forms will be available next month. Deposits are accepted for the \$58 fee. It was agreed to have a potato bar lunch. She advised three Southern California teachers are interested in our planned cruise in November of next year. The structure and cost of the cruise needs to be developed and Jann indicated she will contact her travel agent who works with cruises. The port of departure is Long Beach and Jann noted the cost of a 3-day weekend cruise is the same as a 4-day cruise during the week. It would be open to other chapters and family members.

Community Service: Cathy showed two memory boxes painted by Jann. She noted she has enough items to

display at the Concord library and will have a section in the display describing our memory box program and will include Jann's.

County Hospital Mural: Cathy advised a request has been received from the hospital to do a facelift on the mural the chapter painted several years ago. They are renovating the area and will be removing part of the wall. Cathy will talk to Liz Little who was involved in painting the original.

Hospitality: Barbara Bouchet circulated the hospitality book for sign-ups for the October and November meetings.

Nominations: Cathy circulated the 2017 officer nominations noting there are 3 vacant positions. The slate will be published in the October newsletter and voted on at the October meeting. The elected slate will be published in the November newsletter and the 2017 Officers and Chairpersons will be inducted at the December dinner. Merlene has agreed to do one more year as Seminar Chair and Carrie Garrett and Cathy Mc Caughey will help her.

Special Drawing: The drawing prize was won by Liz Doran.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm to return to Jann's scarecrow project.



SUNSHINE
Holley Yarberry

October 2016 Birthdays

Tamara Mannan	10/07
Barbara Bouchet	10/24

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

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

Boo **HOSPITALITY**
Barbara Bouchet

Thanks to all who signed up!!

Snacks: Trish Bertolucci, Luci Flynn, and Shirley Irwin.

Beverages: Jann Otvos and Trish Bertolucci

Ice: Darlene Smith

Barbara



TBT IMPORTANT DATES

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)



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.

***This tip is from Peggy Harris' website! Thank you Peggy for sharing.

Homemade WET Palettes - Today's discussion refers to a wet palette made with a sponge substitute and paper in a container.

(Shop towels with paint wells created in the damp towels are a holding palette and while very good for keeping paint moist, do not allow you to mix on the palette, etc. They are acceptable for some., but not all, techniques. If unsure, use a real wet palette with sponge/paper.)

1. Select a lidded container. Shallow plasticware works well.
2. Place a sponge substitute in the bottom of the container. Real chamois, synthetic chamois or things like ShamWow work well. Also good is a thick bed of 3-4 Viva paper towels folded under to FIT the bottom of the container.
3. Fill the sponge substitute with as much water as it can possibly hold. Do not squeeze out the water. Simply tip the container to allow excess to run off.
4. Place a piece of deli-wrap on the "sponge" base. Select deli wrap that has LITTLE to NO WAX on it - the moisture must be able to soak through the paper in order to reach the paint!
5. CUT off or FOLD under any paper that extends beyond the "sponge" base!
6. I repeat: CUT off or FOLD under any paper that extends beyond the "sponge" base. Paper extending out beyond the "sponge" base is the single greatest flaw I see in homemade wet palettes since it immediately begins to suck dryness into the palette at a rate that not even the wettest palette can withstand!
7. Smooth the paper against the "sponge" base to eliminate as much air as possible that may be lurking between the surfaces.
8. Blot excess water from the surface with a paper towel.
9. Keep the palette closed when not in use.

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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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TOLL BRIDGE MEMBERSHIP

TOLERS APPLICATION 2017

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

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Bag of Tricks design by Chris Haughey

Taught by Liz Little

DecoArt American Acrylics:

Royal Purple or Dioxazine Purple
Sapphire
Hauser Light Green
Spicy Mustard

Brushes needed for project:

#1 Liner
#8 Filbert
¼ Angle & ½ Angle
1" Wash
#8 Scumbler

Miscellaneous:

Cut Sponge for pattern on hat
Stylus

Prep Instructions:

Sand surface smooth and wipe clean. Seal with Multi-purpose Sealer and lightly sand. Trace pattern onto tracing paper. Lightly transfer the hat and outside pattern lines of frog using the transfer paper.

HAT: Base in **Royal Purple or Dioxazine Purple**, dry. *It is best if you finish the sponge effect on the hat prior to base coating the body.* To create the design on the hat, use **Sapphire** and the cut sponge that I supplied in your package. Use the **flat side of sponge**, so the circles will show up, (not the rough side of sponge). See picture! (don't forget the back & your edges)



This back view has highlights and shading already done.

FROG: Base frog body and legs in Hauser Light Green. If you want you can shade with Plantation around the **pattern** of the ghost and bag of tricks or you can do it after you base in the bag and ghost.

EYES: Base irises with Spicy Mustard and Warm White for the whites of the eyes.

BAG OF TRICKS: Base bag Spicy Mustard.

GHOST: Load toe of ¼" angle with Warm White and float around the outside of the ghost. With filbert, lightly wash inside area keeping it transparent enough to allow the green to show through. (If you are hesitant to try this I can help you in class).

**REMAINING DECOART
AMERICAN ACRYLICS:**

(I'll have these paints in class if you do not have them)

Black Plum
Burnt Sienna
Gooseberry Pink
Lamp Black
Limeade
Orange Twist
Plantation Pine
Slate Grey
Soft Black
Whispering Turquoise

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