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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey
President

Can we throw a party or what? At our 20th anniversary celebration we got to socialize with members/former members who we have not been in contact with for a while, ooh and aah over the painted charger plates that our members painted for each other, and enjoy being waited on at a sit down luncheon. Thank you to Connie, Karen and their committee members for planning this wonderful celebration and a special thank you to Lisa Schall for providing the pattern and permission to paint her "Bugs" quickwood creation as an appreciation item that was given to all of our past presidents.

In August our chapter hosted our annual Bunko fundraiser again co-chaired by Karen and Connie with a garden theme. There were 80 enthusiastic attendees who ate a light lunch, played three rounds of bunko and bought raffle tickets for our donated raffle baskets and special raffle prizes. A huge thank you to all members who participated by donating items for the raffle, made salads and desserts, helped set up, run and clean up after the event. What an awesome group of ladies to be a part of!!

The rest of the year is filled with a Saturday meeting in September, a seminar with Jillybean in October, our ornament exchanges for Halloween and Christmas, and our Christmas dinner celebration which is scheduled for Tuesday December 13th at 6:30 pm at Mangia Bene, the same Italian restaurant we were at last year. Details will be

provided in an upcoming newsletter. Our chapter meeting in September will be a little more detailed since we have not met in several months. We will conduct it after we eat lunch that day before Jann resumes her project instruction in the afternoon.

Finally and most important, we need to nominate candidates for our slate of 2017 Officers and Committee Chairpersons. There are several open positions. With decreased membership several members are filling two or three positions. While we are currently able to sustain active programs and events, we need all members to step up and fill an open position. If you enjoy this chapter and all the benefits, camaraderie and opportunities to learn and create, then please consider supporting your chapter by becoming an officer or chairperson.

Happy Painting!

Cathy



PROGRAMS

Tamara Mannon
1st Vice President

We had a wonderful turnout at the Bunko fundraiser in August. Lots of prizes were won by many people. Thank you all who have contributed them.

WOW!!! Where did the summer go!!!! Fall is upon us and Jann will be teaching a scarecrow project. All 20 surfaces have been purchased. The surface will be provided at the meeting and you'll prep them at that time. Paints will be provided by Jann but if you wish to bring your own, here is the list---



Americana Deco Art Paints

- Black
- Burnt Orange
- Burnt Sienna
- Burnt Umber
- Canyon Orange
- Evergreen
- Festive Green
- Flesh Tone (renamed Warm Beige)
- Grey Storm
- Honey Brown
- Mississippi Mud
- Moon Yellow
- Tangelo Orange
- Watermelon Slice
- White

Meeting will start at 10:00 as noted on the registration form at our usual church place. Please bring your lunch.



For our October project, Liz Little will be teaching a cute Chris Haughey design “Bag of Tricks Frog” ornament. He is about 8" tall. It is soooo cute!!!! The cost of the wood will be between \$5.00 to \$6.00. In order to finish the ornament at the meeting, there is prep work. The surface will be passed out at our September meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact me for the surface. If you want to paint it on another surface, you can contact Liz directly or me for the prep instructions. We will be having our Halloween Ornament Exchange at our October meeting too, which is voluntary. You bring an ornament, you get to take home an ornament. Always a lot of fun.

Thank you,

Tamara



MEMBERSHIP

Karen Vecchi
2nd Vice President

We have a new member who recently joined. Her name is Sally Coleclough. She has been a member in the past and we are very happy to have her join us. It is getting time to start thinking about paying your 2017 dues to the chapter and to National. Mark it on your calendars that it is due on October 1st. I am happy to take your money any time. Dues are \$15/year. You can access the 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.

Besides joining TBT, you must also renew your membership dues of \$50 per year with SDP before December 1st. After December 1st the SDP dues raise to \$55. Their website is www.decorativepainters.org to renew or join.

Karen Vecchi



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Roz Borgerson

Happy September Dear Painting Friends. I have given Contra Costa Regional Medical Center 20 memory boxes. That should hold them for a while. I still have 6 left. So enjoy all your holiday painting, we will not need anything until after the new year. Have a great day.

Fondly, Roz

BUNKO FUNDRAISER

Connie Oakley and Karen Vecchi

The Bunko Fundraiser was held on Saturday, August 20th. We would like to thank all of you who donated the wonderful raffle prizes. We had 62 general raffle baskets/prizes, 6 “Your Choice” raffle prizes and 7 wonderful “Special Raffle” prizes for a total of 75. We had 80 in attendance who dined on the scrumptious salads and desserts that were provided by our generous members.

I would like to thank the following members for their efforts in making the Bunko a great success.

- Assembling Raffle Baskets- Karen Vecchi, Teri Hallock and Connie Oakley
- Rounding up Card Tables- Suzanne Olson
- Organizing the Salads/Desserts- Trish Bertolucci
- Making the Name Labels- Jann Otvos

Printed the Tickets- Jann Otvos
 Truffles- Loretta Mateik
 Made the Utensil Holders- Vivian Roubal
 Decorating Committee- Connie Oakley, Karen Vecchi,
 Suzanne Olson, Trish Bertolucci, Cathy McCaughey, Liz
 Little, Teri Hallock and Luci Flynn
 Registration Table- Barbara Bouchet and Wendy Oliver
 Raffle Ticket Sellers- Lizette Jones, Trish Bertolucci,
 Alexis Oakley
 Raffle Runners- Karen Vecchi, Terri Hallock and Michelle
 Flynn (Luci's daughter)

The winners of Bunko were: 3-way tie for Most Wins and they received \$25 each; LaDonna K., Terrie M., and Luci F. George, Shirley's son, won the Most Bunkos and won \$50 and generously donated \$25 back to the cause.

LaDonna K. won the two tickets to next year's Bunko.

Connie and Karen



SEMINARS

Merlene Ryan, Vivian Roubal and Tamara Mannon



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

Saturday is Santa ornament and Sunday is the wine glasses.

I can take late sign-ups for a while, probably until the middle of Sept.

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 Saturday and at the Veterans Building in Martinez on Sunday. Mark your calendars so you can save the date.

Would anyone like to volunteer to help with lunch? Contact Vivian. If not, we'll draft a couple of attendees to help set it out.



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 information is for you to mark your calendars.

I talked to several southern California teachers while I was at HOOT. They were all interested in our cruise next year.

Merlene Ryan r.merlene@yahoo.com 925-754-7997

Merlene, Tamara and Vivian

20TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY CELEBRATION

Connie Oakley and Karen Vecchi

The anniversary celebration in July was such a wonderful afternoon to enjoy with our painting friends. All the charger plates were spectacular and every one of them were unique and beautiful. Once again all that participated in painting them rose to the occasion and helped make the day special. I know I will treasure the one I received! A special thank you to everyone who helped with this event!!

- Jeanie Strech for cutting and painting the beautiful lily pins and the exquisite raffle prize table (lucky Connie for winning that treasure!)
- Merlene Ryan for painting the keepsake water glasses with a lily and prepping all the charger plates
- Roz Borgerson for helping with the table center pieces
- Tamara Mannon for donating the wonderful special drawing prizes.
- Trish Bertolucci for managing the special drawings and money – we made over \$300!!
- Jann Otvos for the incredible appetizers – we loved them all!

- Cathy McCaughey for helping with set up and the special past president's gifts and much more
- Suzanne Olson for helping with set up and food prep
- Teri Hallock for helping with set up and serving
- Alexis Oakley for helping with prep, set up, serving and clean-up – she is such a great worker!
- Everyone who painted a charger plate to create a surprise at each place setting and a treasured piece of art for each recipient
- To our guests and past members who joined us – Bonnie, Cookie and Diana; and also Pam, Lucille's daughter who brought Lucille so she could attend

Connie and I enjoyed organizing this special event for our chapter and appreciate the friendship and support our chapter provided to help make it a success. It is a day we will fondly remember!

*Karen and Connie
Anniversary Celebration Co-Chairs*



OCTOBER IS DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

To celebrate October as Decorative Painting Month, our chapter will again place a display at the main library in Concord in the glass case kitty corner to the reference desk. If you would like to loan some of your pieces for the display, please bring them to the September meeting with a taped label with your name on the back or bottom of the piece and give to Cathy or Suzanne. We will return your display items at the November meeting.

Suzanne Olsen and Cathy McCaughey



NCCC NEWS Connie Oakley, Karen Vecchi

Our next NCCC meeting will be on September 10th. 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. with an hour break for lunch. Registration is to be received by September 6th. The registration form is at the end of the newsletter. Below are pictures that show how vibrant the colors are for the Rosemary West pattern. There is also a chair with a Shara Reiner pattern. The chairs are provided and all you need to do is sign-up and join us.



Connie and Karen



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION Shirley Irwin

We had our big Bunko fundraiser in August so no awards were handed out. Please let me know if you would like to recognize a member who has gone above and beyond for our chapter.

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.

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 AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

No Minutes were held in the month of August due to our Bunko fundraiser.



SUNSHINE Holley Yarberry

September 2016

Roni Marks	09/12
Donna Singer	09/18
Sue Shimansky	09/24

October 2016

Tamara Mannon	10/07
Barbara Bouchet	10/24

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

Our special Saturday September meeting is "Bring your own lunch" day. If you would like to bring a goodie or something to share, please do!

Barbara

TBT IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday September 17 10am-3pm Jann Otvos Scarecrow
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
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

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.

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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	Non Member	10.00	50.00
1/2 Page	Member	10.00	50.00
	Non Member	15.00	75.00
Full Page	Member	15.00	75.00
	Non Member	20.00	100.00

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTERS COUNCIL
PRESENTS**

Stay in Touch - Chair Affair

WHEN: Saturday, October 8 - 9 AM TO 4 PM

WHERE: Salida Library, 4835 Sisk Road, Salida CA

COST: \$60 (includes lunch, surface & paints)

Registration must be received no later than September 6

Name (last) _____ (first) _____ Phone _____

Email or Snail _____

Mail Address _____

NCCC Chapter _____

Class Selection: Shara Reiner Design _____ Americana paints will be provided

Rosemary West Design _____ Jo Sonja paints will be provided

Class confirmation will be emailed unless a stamped self-addressed envelope is provided

SPECIAL OFFER: GHOST REGISTRATION

Enclosed please find my ghost registration.

I cannot attend the "Chair Affair" on October 8. Please arrange for my NCCC rep to pick up my project.

Initial here to register as a "Ghost" _____ Chapter _____

NOTE:

REGISTRATION FEE is non-refundable but can be transferred and will be processed on a first-come first-served basis.

Make checks payable to **NCCC**

Mail to: **Irene Carew, 18 Wharfdale Place, Sacramento CA 95835**





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

REGISTRATION FORM – JILLYBEAN SEMINAR

(Acrylic on Saturday- Glass paints on Sunday)



Saturday Santa and a Reindeer

Sunday Halloween and Birthday glasses

Date: Saturday and Sunday Oct 1 & 2, 2016

Time: 9:00 to 5:00pm

Location Sat—Our regular meeting room, Sun-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 Make checks payable to Toll Bridge Tolers and mail to Merlene Ryan, 3005 Monroe Ct., Antioch, CA 94509.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Saturday _____ Member¹ \$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 _____