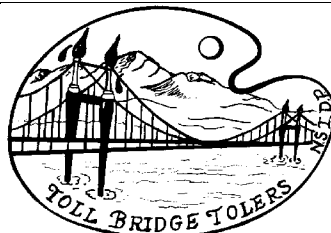


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I hope to see all of you at one of the chapter events throughout the upcoming year.  
Happy New Year!

*Cathy McCaughey*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Cathy McCaughey**  
**President**

What a wonderful holiday chapter dinner we had at Mangia Bene last month! A big Thank You to Marianne Simpson and Jann Otvos for the wonderful decorations along with their team of painting elvettes. Also thanks to Luci Flynn and Holly Yarberry who drove other members to the dinner so that they could attend. A special thank you to Larry Yarberry who made it possible for Roz to attend. I am remiss in not including spouses and families of members in my thank yous for their support and help to the chapter. We couldn't run our chapter events without all of your contributions.

The start of a new year and more adventures in painting. This month we are hosting a seminar by Carolyn Silvas who will be teaching us to paint giraffes on plexiglass. For those of you who have not had the pleasure of taking one of these reverse painting classes it is definitely a pleasant challenge and stimulation to your brain to paint on the back of a see-through surface.

For 2017, our membership has remained steady in the low 30's. We have a few new members so please introduce yourself when you see them. We have a busy chapter schedule again this year with additional charitable activities planned as well as our usual Bunko fundraiser, July barbecue, participation at the Contra Costa County Fair and a possible chapter cruise in November.



## PROGRAMS

**Marianne Simpson**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you are all looking forward to a fun filled 2017 with lots of exciting new projects. The following is a listing of our 2017 monthly programs:

### Evening Programs:

January 17 – Karen Vecchi – Penguin or Snowman Ornament using Laurie Speltz Background techniques  
February 21 – Jann Otvos – Multi Media Project  
April 18 – Lisa Schall – Kaleidoscope Stroke Work Angels on ½ Acrylic Marbles (Donation)  
June 20 - Cathy McCaughey - Dandelion T-shirt  
October 17 – Liz Little Halloween Project  
November 21 – DJ West

### Saturday Programs:

March 18 – Painting Canvas Bags for donation (Organizations TBD)

May 20 – Lisa Schall – Ferguson Frog Wine Glass  
September 9 – Jann Otvos – Turkey on Pumpkin on Shirt,  
Canvas Bag, etc.

No Meeting Months:

July – BBQ at Loretta's  
August 26 – Annual Bunko Fundraiser  
December 19 – Installation Dinner

We had a wonderful Christmas Installation dinner at Mangia Bene Restaurant in Martinez. It was a great turnout and everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves. The ornament exchange was fabulous, so many wonderful ornaments were exchanged. We really are a talented group!

Now on to our January meeting. Karen Vecchi will be teaching a Laurie Speltz background technique using stamps. You can choose a Penguin or Snowman ornament. Karen will be supplying the surface, stamps, paints and instructions. The cost of the project will be \$2.00. You will need to bring your regular painting supplies. (Be sure to bring a brush to float with and a liner).

*Marianne Simpson*



## MEMBERSHIP

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

We currently have 33 members and it was wonderful to see almost all our members at the Holiday dinner – another spectacular event! Sally C. rejoined us for 2017 and we are very happy to have her in our chapter. I will have the TBT Handbook available at our January meeting with our current membership – so be sure to come to the meeting and pick up your copy.

This year, the chapter is offering a trial membership for any new member in 2017. The new members pay \$15 for the 2017 TBT chapter dues and TBT will pay \$30 for their SDP trial membership dues. The trial membership does not include the hard copy of the SDP magazine but the magazine can be accessed on-line. More information is available on the website:

<http://decorativepainters.org/proddetail.php?prod=TrialMember17>.

Chapter dues are \$15 for 2017. The National dues are now \$55 for the year. You can access the Membership Application form on our website at [www.tollbridgetolers.org](http://www.tollbridgetolers.org). Mail a check and form to Toll Bridge Toler, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553 or bring it to a meeting. The Society of Decorative Painters website is [www.decorativepainters.org](http://www.decorativepainters.org) to renew or join. The National dues are now done through the Craft and Hobby Association.

*Karen Vecchi*



## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

**Roz Borgerson**

Wow 2017. I cannot believe it. I wish for all of you a happy New Year of painting. YOU CAN START PAINTING MEMORY BOXES IF YOU WANT. We do not have a big need as of yet. I do have some for backup. Thank you everyone for sharing your talents with those who will be receiving one.

*Fondly, Roz Borgerson*



## WAYS AND MEANS

**Trish Bertolucci**

It's the start of a new year!! The chapter has some really exciting and fun things coming up for 2017! Make sure you mark your calendars now so you don't miss some great projects and seminars.

I will be passing around a sign-up sheet for our monthly special drawing. Thank you to everyone who has donated a prize in the past. Our members have always been so generous. Hope to see you all on January 17<sup>th</sup>!

*Trish Bertolucci*



## SEMINARS

**Merlene Ryan, Carrie Garrett and Cathy McCaughey**

**It's not too late but call or e-mail me ASAP.** Carolyn Silvas will be teaching her reverse painting on plexiglass on Jan 21. It is giraffes. Cost will be \$58. This includes surface. We will have a pot luck potato bar for lunch. It will be held at our regular meeting room at the church. Merlene Ryan [r.merlene@yahoo.com](mailto:r.merlene@yahoo.com) 925-754-7997

*Merlene, Carrie and Cathy*



## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Shirley Irwin

No awards were handed out at the Christmas dinner. Please let me know if you would like to recognize a chapter member for going the “extra mile”.

Shirley

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Darlene Smith

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

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS

No Meetings were held in December. We had our Christmas Installation Dinner.

(Editor’s Note)

## 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).

**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](http://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](mailto:TBTNewsletter@comcast.net) or Loretta Mateik at [lmateik@comcast.net](mailto: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.



## 2017 MEETING DATES

Mark your calendars for next year!

**Tuesday meetings** - Board meeting 6:45 pm, General meeting 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Tuesday-	January 17
Tuesday-	February 21
Saturday-	March 18 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday-	April 18
Saturday-	May 20 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday-	June 20
Saturday-	September 9 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday-	October 17
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 12 2018 Planning Meeting</b>
	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Tuesday-	November 21

**Notes:** All meetings are at First Lutheran Church, 4000 Concord Blvd., Concord, in the Education Room.

No meeting in July - (BBQ in Petaluma - Date TBD)

No meeting in August – (Bunco Fundraiser on 8/26).

No meeting in December – (Christmas Dinner on 12/19 - Location to be determined).

If a meeting is included in a Saturday meeting, it will be held first for 30 minutes before the project starts.

**Note:** \*\*The September Saturday meeting (9-09) is on the second Saturday. All other Saturday meetings are on the third Saturday.



**SUNSHINE**  
Holley Yarberry



**January 2017 Birthdays**

Jo Iaconis 01/01  
Loretta Mateik 01/14



**February 2017 Birthdays**

Roz Borgerson 2/02  
Terri Hallock 2/09  
Lucille Hart 2/18  
Shirley Irwin 2/19

Happy New Year!!  
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](mailto:L.yarberry42@comcast.net) as I may be traveling.

*Holley Yarberry*



**HOSPITALITY**  
Barbara Bouchet

Snacks: Darlene Smith, Luci Flynn and Carrie Garrett

Beverages: Trish Bertolucci and Barbara Bouchet

Ice: Barbara Bouchet

Thanks everyone for your contributions!!!

*Barbara Bouchet*



**TBT 2017 IMPORTANT DATES**

- 1/21/17- Carolyn Silvas Giraffe Seminar, First Lutheran Church, Concord
- 2/26 to 3/3- Creative Painting Convention Las Vegas, NV
- 5/16 to 20- SDP's International Conference and Expo Daytona Beach, FL
- 8/14 to 19- Heart of Ohio Tole 37<sup>th</sup> Convention, "Cooking Up Some Painting Fun", Columbus, OH
- 9/13 to 9/17- Paint a Season of Memories Conference and Expo Portland, Oregon
- 10/23-28- Oklahoma City Painting Palooza, "Witchy Wonders", Midwest City, OK

\*\*Please check websites for confirmation of dates and locations, as one of the conferences changed dates from what they originally published. We are just collating data from websites of possible events chapter members may be interested in attending



**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](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.

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](mailto:r.merlene@yahoo.com) 925-754-7997

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

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

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## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2017

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

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

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://www.decorativepainters.org)

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