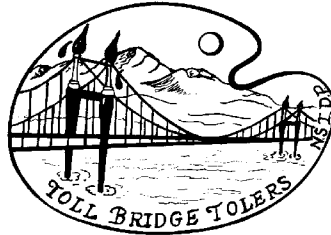


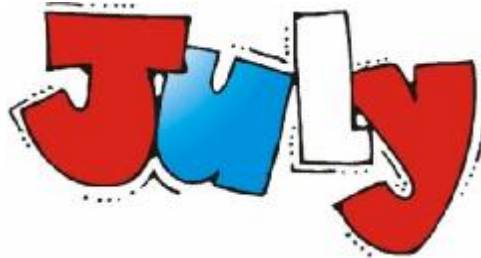
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey
President

By now you have heard that at least two chapters from SDP had a phishing attempt to try to get money sent to the scammer occurring towards the end of June. The fraud attempt has been reported to Comcast and AOL. In view of the unsuccessful attempt, we will be discussing ways to prevent exposing chapter members to these occurrences in the future. One suggestion is to no longer post anyone's personal email address, phone number, or residential address on the chapter website or in the newsletter (which is also currently posted on the website). Another option is to include personal contact information in the newsletter but send the newsletter by direct email to members and no longer post the newsletter on the website. That means we would all have to print or save the newsletter for reference. We can still post flyers for upcoming chapter events on the website but use the contact information below.

Contact information suggested to use were TBTnewsletter@comcast.net (or Trish suggested we can get a new email address for free) and using our mailing address TBT, P. O. Box 2671 Martinez, CA 94553 for all correspondence for seminars or events instead of having the flyer include the seminar chair's personal contact information. This will delay our response time to people inquiring about our chapter and events, however the public

will still have two ways to contact the chapter that protects all of TBT members' personal contact information (and home computers).

I know our September meeting is a busy paint day and does not include a board meeting but feel that this is a significant change in our current practice that needs to be addressed and have member input at our general meeting. If you are unable to attend and would like input, please email one of the board members. Otherwise this will be a voting item on the agenda.

On to happier topics, the annual barbecue potluck is at Loretta's house on July 15th at noon. I am coordinating the food so please contact me if you are coming and have not signed up to bring a dish yet. Also, we need everyone's support for our Bunko fundraiser on August 26th at the Plumber's Hall in Martinez.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Cathy McCaughey



PROGRAMS

Marianne Simpson
1st Vice President

A big **THANK YOU** to Cathy McCaughey for teaching her Dandelion project at our June meeting! It was a fun project and everyone had a great time and finished theirs at the meeting. There were lots of wonderful T-Shirts, canvas

bags, and other items that members chose to paint on.

Thanks again Cathy!

There is no July or August meeting but we hope to see everyone at the BBQ at Loretta and Robert's on July 15th and at our Bunko Fundraiser on August 26th.



Our September meeting will take place on Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at our regular meeting place. The project is an adaptation of a Janice Miller design that will be taught by Jann Otvos. The cost of the project is \$12.00 which will include the pattern, directions, photos, an Identi Pen, and fabric paint. Painters are to supply their own surface. Jann's turkey is painted on a khaki shirt, but a banner, pillow or table runner will work as well. If you decide to paint on wood, the pattern has a list of Acrylic paints to use. A sign-up sheet was passed around at our May and June meetings and we have 23 members signed up. If you have not signed up but would like to, please contact me at 925-354-1846 or you can email me at maritoler@comcast.net. Patterns will be distributed at the July BBQ so everyone has time to put the pattern on your surface before the September meeting. If you don't attend the BBQ, we'll get the patterns to you by mail.

Have a HAPPY AND SAFE 4th of July!!!

Marianne Simpson



MEMBERSHIP

Karen Vecchi
2nd Vice President

Judy Hagar joined us as a new member at our June Meeting. Welcome Judy! We are happy you joined us. Dues for 2018 have increased by \$10 and will be \$60 for the year. New members are always welcome so invite a friend to one of our meetings.

Chapter dues are \$15 for 2018 and the National renewal dues are \$60. You can access the Membership Application form on our website at www.tollbridgetolers.org. Mail a check and the form to Toll Bridge Tolers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553 or bring it to a meeting. The Society of Decorative Painters website is www.decorativepainters.org to renew or join. The National dues are done through the Craft and Hobby Association.

Karen Vecchi



WAYS AND MEANS

Trish Bertolucci

The special drawing at our June meeting was a wonderful basket full of Fourth of July items. A quilted table runner, Rocky Mountain chocolates, Handmade Americana doll and Welcome sign, Firecracker candleholder and a \$15.00 Coldstone giftcard. It was donated by Luci Flynn and won by Jan Voester.

Trish Bertolucci



SEMINARS

Merlene Ryan, Carrie Garrett and Cathy McCaughey

Sept 30, 2017 Ornament Frenzy

Feb. 17, 2018 Karen Brouwer Seminar

Sept. 15 & 16, 2018 Sandi Strecker Seminar

Just because it's summer and we have lots of activities to distract us, don't forget the ornament frenzy. Send in your registration before you forget. The form is at the end of the newsletter. Our teachers are Loretta, Liz Little, Vivian and Karen. These ornaments should all be fun. Here are the ornaments that will be taught.





The spoon is designed and taught by Vivian Roubal. The hot air balloon is designed by Chris Haughey and taught by Karen Vecchi. The Hydrangea is designed and taught by Liz Little and the Gingerbread and mitten is designed and taught by Loretta Mateik. They are all so cute and will be fun to paint. Thank you for volunteering to teach ladies!

Mark your calendars for the Sandi Strecker seminar next year. It's easy to forget and make other plans for that weekend.

We have a date for Karen Brouwer but no other details yet. I'll keep you informed.

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

Merlene, Carrie and Cathy



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Roz Borgerson

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY PAINTING FRIENDS. All is stable with memory boxes. Thank you to Darlene and Merlene for the memory boxes they brought to the June meeting (picture below). Let me know if you need anything. Keep on painting. God Bless you



Roz Borgerson



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Shirley Irwin

The awards that were handed out at our June meeting were:

Connie Oakley and Luci Flynn for their crab feed donation and to Luci Flynn for her donation of the June special drawing prize.

Thank you to you both for your dedication to our chapter!

Shirley Irwin



ANNUAL BUNKO FUNDRAISER

Karen Vecchi and Connie Oakley

The Bunko Fundraiser will be on Saturday, August 26th at 11:30 a.m. at the Plumbers Hall in Martinez. Our theme for this year's fundraiser is "Summer in Paris". We will have lunch, play bunko, draw for raffles and top it all off with dessert.

We are looking for raffle donations; painted pieces, gift cards, items you would like to win. We have received a few raffle prizes and very much appreciate the donations. Karen now has Bunko tickets for purchase. Please contact her with the number of tickets you need to buy. We will have them at the Chapter meeting also. So, hit up your friends, neighbors, relatives and co-workers to come join the fun.

Connie & Karen

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
June 20, 2017

Present: Shirley Irwin, Darlene Smith, Cathy McCaughey, Trish Bertolucci, Marianne Simpson, Luci Flynn, Merlene Ryan, Barbara Bouchet, Karen Vecchi, Liz Little

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy McCaughey at 6:45 pm.

The agenda for the General meeting to follow was reviewed. Cathy called attention to the recent member emails regarding the SDP dues increase which will be discussed further.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord CA
June 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy McCaughey at 7:00 pm with a quorum present. Judy Hagar and Kathy Gunther were welcomed as new members. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as published in the June newsletter (Luci Flynn/Connie Oakley).

President – Cathy announced we have received our 2016 Chapter Achievement Award. She will place the patch on our banner. The 2018 SDP Convention will be held May 8-12 in Daytona Beach, Florida. The NCCC one day “Stay in Touch” seminar is October 14, 2017 in Salida, CA. Our annual BBQ is July 15, 2017 in Petaluma and a sign-up sheet for salads, side dishes and desserts will be circulated.

New member Janet McCarthy from Rio Vista is interested in having a mentor from the chapter. Merlene Ryan agreed to take on that role. Kathy Gunther and Judy Hagar have Roni Marks in that role.

SDP Dues Increase – Cathy advised email exchanges were done by Roni Marks, Jann Otvos, Cathy McCaughey and Luci Flynn. The dues increase from \$50 to \$60 was discussed as well as the SDP insurance policy limitations. Cathy advised she has requested additional information from SDP but has not heard back to date. It was agreed to set a meeting in early 2018 to devote to this topic after we determine how many members renew their membership. Merlene reminded us that we have two “big brushes” coming next year and our Chapter funds are needed to offset the cost.

September Turkey Project – Marianne Simpson circulated a sign-up sheet for Jann Otvos so Jann will know how many packets to purchase. Jann also sent some aprons for purchase on which to paint if desired. The meeting will start earlier than normal and the \$12 cost will be collected at that time.

Membership – Karen Vecchi welcomed Judy Hagar as a new member noting Kathy Gunther joined last month.

Treasurer – The Treasurer’s report was available for review.

Seminars – Merlene reported we have two seminars planned for next year with Karen Brouwer and Sandi Strecker. Our ornament frenzy is coming up on September 30 at a cost of about \$30 per person. Loretta Mateik, Karen Vecchi, Liz Little and Vivian Roubal will be teaching. A light breakfast and lunch will be served and it will end early.

Elections – Luci Flynn noted our 2018 election of officers is coming up and asked all to consider running for an office. Cathy will take over as Seminar Chair and a new President will be needed.

Hospitality – Barbara Bouchet asked attendees to sign up for the BBQ and suggested and it was agreed that everyone bring their own lunch to the meeting on September 9.

Bunco – Connie announced this fundraiser is on August 26 and raffle prizes are needed. The theme is “Summer in Paris”. Karen has tickets for sale. A sign-up sheet for salads and desserts will be circulated. Suzanne Olson is collecting card tables. The committee is looking into a new procedure for the raffle.

Community Service - Merlene Ryan and Darlene Smith brought in painted memory boxes.

Awards and Recognition – Shirley Irwin presented Luci Flynn and Connie Oakley with awards.

Ways and Means – Trish Bertolucci advised Luci Flynn donated the Special Drawing prize consisting of a Coldstone gift card, chocolates, candles, table runner etc. The drawing was won by Jan Voester.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm to a fabric dandelion project taught by Cathy McCaughey.



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.



TBT 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

July – 15th Sat., noon...BBQ at Loretta's
August 14-19- Heart of Ohio Tole 37th Convention, "Cooking Up Some Painting Fun", Columbus, OH
August 26- TBT Annual Bunko Fundraiser Plumber's Hall, Martinez CA
September 9- TBT Saturday Meeting-Jann Otvos Turkey on a Pumpkin on shirt, or canvas bag etc. 10:00am
September 13-17- Paint a Season of Memories Conference and Expo Portland, Oregon
September 30- Ornament Frenzy Plumbers Hall, Martinez
October 17 – TBT Meeting Liz Little Halloween Project
October 23-28- Oklahoma City Painting Palooza, "Witchy Wonders", Midwest City, OK
November 19- TBT Planning meeting for 2018
November 21- TBT Meeting DJ West
December 19- Installation Dinner

2018

Karen Brouwer Seminar- February 17, 2018
Sandi Strecker Seminar- September 15-16, 2018

**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



SUNSHINE Holley Yarberry



Happy Birthday to the following members who have birthdays coming up in July and August. We hope you have a wonderful special day celebrating YOU!!

Liz Little, Cathy McCaughey, Carrie Garrett and Suzanne Olson.

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 Yarberry



HOSPITALITY Barbara Bouchet

Hope to see everyone at our Annual BBQ at Loretta and Robert's house on July 15th!

Barbara Bouchet



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.

The costs of advertising in this newsletter are as follows:

		Monthly	Yearly
Business card	Member	\$ 4.00	20.00
	Non Member	5.00	25.00
1/4 Page	Member	7.50	37.50
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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

THE TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS

Are Proud To Present
ORNAMENT FRENZY
September 30, 2017
Plumber's Hall, Martinez
1308 Roman Way
8:30am to 6:00pm

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY/ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE: _____
E-MAIL: _____

REGISTRATION FEES: This seminar is offered for Toll Bridge Tolars. NCCC members and other guests are welcome. Registration fees are listed below. Drinks (water and coffee) and lunch will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Merlene Ryan at (925) 754-7997 or e-mail r.merlene@yahoo.com.

	TBT MEMBERS	Member of NCCC Chapter	NON-MEMBERS
REGISTRATION FEE	\$30	\$30	\$35
AMOUNT ENCLOSED			

NOTE: All persons registering for the seminar must use this registration form. Payment must accompany registration form. All classes will have a *No Smoking Policy*. Please remember that Registration Fees are *not refundable but are transferable*. Wood and prep instructions will be available at the Sept. 9th meeting. Prep must be completed prior to your arrival at class. Paint will be provided on the day of the Frenzy. Contact me and make arrangements if you will not be at the meeting or want your surfaces earlier. My goal is to have them ready by Sept 1.

Class starts at 8:30. Doors open at 8:00.

There will be a few extra surfaces available. We do not have prices yet, but they are always reasonable. **Please indicate on the back of this form if you want extras. First come first served. Payment due on delivery.**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS Sept 15, 2015. NO RESERVATIONS TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE!
(Talk to me if there is a problem like a work schedule.)

Make checks payable to **Toll Bridge Tolars** and send Registration Form and Fees to:
Merlene Ryan, 3005 Monroe Ct. Antioch, CA 94509

Northern California Chapters Council Presents

One Day "Stay-In-Touch" Seminar

When: Saturday, October 14, 2017, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Where: Salida Library, 4835 Sisk Road, Salida CA

Cost: \$40.00 (Includes lunch, surface, instructions and paint.)

Registration must be received no later than October 1.

Name: (last) _____ (first) _____

Email or Snail

Mail Address: _____

NCCC Chapter/Guest: _____ Phone: _____

Class confirmation will be emailed unless you provide a SASE.

Special Offer: Ghost Registration

If you cannot attend the Seminar or if you want a second project, select "Ghost" and the selected project can be picked up or will be delivered by your Chapter Rep.

Note: Registration Fee is non-refundable but can be transferred.

Annie and Friends - Chroma Paints provided \$ _____

The Harbor Lights - Americana Paints provided \$ _____

Annie and Friends - "Ghost" \$ _____

The Harbor Lights - "Ghost" \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to: NCCC

Mail to: Susan Lockwood, 616 Des Moines Place, San Jose, CA 95133

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Annie & Friends

Designed and taught by
Carolyn Silvas

Surface: 12" x 16" dimensional
(2 plexiglass & 1 wallpaper)

Medium: Chroma paint and pen & ink

Mat board, pen and wallpaper provided.

Bring your regular painting supplies.



The Harbor Lights

Jamie Mills Price Design
Taught by Susan Lockwood

Surface: 8" x 15" dimensional
2 pieces of wood

Medium: Americana Paint and crackle

Crackle provided.

Bring your regular painting supplies.

