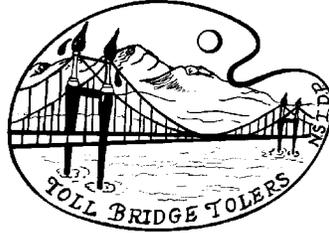


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey
President

As most of you are already aware, the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP) passed an amendment to increase annual dues for individuals from \$50 to \$60/year. This will be an item for a limited and timed discussion at our general meeting since this topic should not dominate the meeting because we have other important business to also conduct. Keep in mind the following quote from Zig Ziglar, "It's not the situation, but whether we react negatively or respond positively to the situation that is important."

We will not know the future ramifications this fee increase will have on our chapter until we conduct our membership renewal drive later this year. What we do know is that SDP provides us with our group liability coverage for meetings and events and does steer potential members to us when they inquire about the location of chapters closest to them. I will be renewing my membership despite the increase in fees. Participation in our chapter has allowed me to learn and try techniques that I may not have ever attempted or found on my own. It has also introduced me to a wonderful group of people who share a common interest in painting, who are generous, supportive and caring. There are some experiences that are well worth the "price of admission" and our local chapter is one of them. I hope many of you feel the same and will continue being members.

There are no meetings in July and August but I hope to see many of you at the July Barbecue in Petaluma. In addition, we need all members to participate in our August Bunko as this is our chapter's only fundraiser. Have an enjoyable summer.

Cathy McCaughey



PROGRAMS
Marianne Simpson
1st Vice President

Thank you Lisa Schall for teaching your Ferguson Frog project at our May meeting. It was fun learning to work with quikwood on glass. Everyone had a great time and there were a lot of adorable frogs at the meeting.

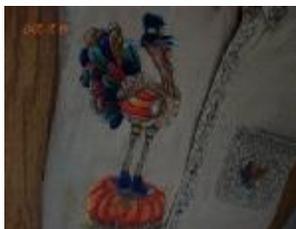


June Project

Our **June meeting** is on Tuesday, the 20th, and will be a Dandelion painted on a T-shirt (or whatever fabric you want to paint on) taught by Cathy McCaughey. The cost will be .75 cents. Cathy will have quarters but it would help if people bring dollar bills. Supplies you will need are as follows:

- 1) Prewashed T-shirt (any color except white) no fabric softener in washer or dryer when you wash the fabric, or any piece of fabric or a canvas bag.
- 2) Piece of cardboard large enough to put under the fabric to protect the paint from leaking through and to stabilize the fabric for painting.
- 3) Fabric paint: white, green, dark brown or black (or Regular acrylic paint and fabric medium to mix with the paint.) Cathy will bring some fabric paint and medium so we can all share.
- 4) A shower pouf (that netting thing you use to wash off with that is not a wash cloth). Cathy has 8 so we can share. If you want to buy them they are at the dollar store.
- 5) Brushes: a small round and a liner (any size) and if you want a brush to pounce with (but honestly it looks better with the pouf).
- 6) Regular painting supplies: paper plate or palette paper, water basin, paper towels.

Cathy will provide 8 rhinestones per person, and there will be two rhinestone setters available. People can set the rhinestones at the meeting or take them and set them at home if they have a rhinestone setter.



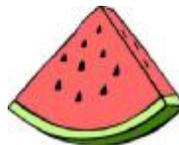
Our September meeting will take place on Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at our regular meeting place. The project is an adaptation of a Janice Miller design that will be taught by Jann Otvos. The cost of the project is \$12.00 which will include the pattern, directions, photos, an Identi 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 will be passed around at the June meeting. If you cannot attend the June meeting but would like to sign up, please contact me at 925-354-1846 or you can email me at maritoler@comcast.net. We do need to know by the meeting date of June 20th so Jann has enough time to order the pattern and distribute it at the July

BBQ so everyone has time to put the pattern on your surface before the September meeting.

Jann has 6 aprons available, 2 white and 4 burgundy ones. If you would like to purchase an apron to paint on, the cost is \$5.00. You can contact Jann at 925-706-8365 or email her at jjotvos@comcast.net for those. D.J. West has some denim shirts for sale. She's going to bring them to the June meeting if anyone is interested.

Hope to see everyone there!

Marianne Simpson



MEMBERSHIP

Karen Vecchi
2nd Vice President

We had 3 guests at our May meeting who joined us in painting Lisa's adorable Ferguson Frog –two were from the Toling Belles in San Jose - Eleanor and Milena. We also had Valerie join us who has painted with Liz Doran's class. Kathy H. joined us as a new member and painted with us too. Welcome Kathy! We are very happy to have you. As you might have heard, it was voted on at Convention, the National dues are increasing to \$60 for 2018. So, plan on including that in your budget for next year. As always, we welcome new or returning members to join our chapter any time.

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 May meeting was a painted lantern with cute frogs on it and a Hobby Lobby gift card. It was donated by Liz Doran and was won by Eleanor, Lisa's friend from Toling Belles Chapter in San Jose. Thank you Liz for donating such a wonderful prize.

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

The Ornament Frenzy will be here before we know it. Ornaments will be on view at the June meeting. I have four volunteers to teach but anyone is welcome to submit an ornament to teach. Bring it to the June meeting and we will vote.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help. The July newsletter will have pictures of the ornaments and also the registration form.

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.

Email Merlene Ryan r.merlene@yahoo.com or call her at 925-754-7997

Merlene, Carrie and Cathy



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Roz Borgerson

Happy June everyone. I hope all is well with you. Thank you for taking care of all our communities. You are all generous friends. If you have any community projects you would like to do, please let me know. Have fun painting memory boxes.

Roz Borgerson



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Shirley Irwin

Several awards were handed out at the May meeting. The members who received awards were:
Liz Doran, Cathy McCaughey, Jann Otvos, Jeanie Strech, Darlene Smith, Loretta Mateik, D. J. West, Marianne Simpson, Barbara Bouchet and Trish Bertolucci for their donations to the Church's crab feed fund raiser and to Jann Otvos for providing the special raffle prize for the month of January. Thank you everyone for helping our chapter be successful!

Shirley Irwin



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

Karen Vecchi and Luci Flynn

Thank you to everyone who entered the County Fair. If you are interested, the California State Fair is in Sacramento from July 14-28, 2017. For information on the State Fair, please go to <http://www.castatefair.org/home/>.

Karen and Luci



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 Bunco 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 GENERAL MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord CA
Saturday, May 20, 2017

(There was no Board meeting.)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Cathy McCaughey with a quorum present. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed in the May newsletter (D. J. West/Barbara Bouchet).

Three guests present from the Toling Belles Chapter in San Jose were introduced by Lisa Schall and Cathy advised Kathy Gunther has joined our chapter. All were welcomed.

SDP – Cathy commented on the increase in dues from \$50 to \$60 per year which was approved at the recent convention. She suggested we consider supplementing the \$10 dues increase with income from our Bunco ticket sales as a proactive measure to maintain our current membership. This will be discussed further.

BBQ – The July 15, 2017 BBQ will be held at Loretta Mateik's home in Petaluma. The chapter provides the meat and a sign-up sheet was circulated for members to bring salads, sides and desserts.

Treasurer – Jann Otvos had the Treasurers report available for review.

Seminars – Cathy announced Karen Brouwer from Australia will be here on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Currently Merlene has four ornaments lined up for the ornament frenzy. If anyone is interested in submitting an ornament to be painted, please bring a sample to the June meeting and members can vote on which four ornaments to paint.

Cathy also advised Merlene Ryan is attending the HOOT convention August 14-19 in Ohio and would like a roommate if anyone else plans to attend.

Hospitality – Barbara Bouchet advised sign-ups for the June meeting are complete.

Bunco – Karen Vecchi has tickets for sale for the August 26, 2017 Bunco fund raiser in Martinez. She still needs additional raffle prizes and members will be asked at the

June meeting to bring salads and desserts and sign up to help with set-up, lunch and clean-up.

County Fair – D. J. West advised she took pictures of the winners from the chapter and posted them on Facebook. Trish Bertolucci announced the winners from the chapter.

September Project – Jann Otvos displayed the turkey on a pumpkin project she will be teaching at the September meeting. It can be done on any surface – fabric, wood, canvas, metal, etc. She needs to order a pattern for each participant so advance sign-ups are required. The cost is \$12.00.

Awards and Recognition – Shirley Irwin presented awards to several members (Liz Doran, Cathy McCaughey, Jann Otvos, Jeanie Strech, Darlene Smith, Loretta Mateik, D. J. West, Marianne Simpson, Barbara Bouchet, Trish Bertolucci) for their donations to the Church's crab feed fund raiser and to Jann Otvos for providing a special raffle prize.

Ways and Means – The special drawing prize today was donated by Liz Doran and is a \$25 Hobby Lobby gift card and a painted lantern with frogs. It was won by Eleanor, Lisa's friend from Toling Belles Chapter in San Jose.

Cathy announced that there were free pattern books and surfaces available for anyone interested from Cathy and Shirley Irwin.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am. Cathy introduced Marianne Simpson who introduced Lisa Schall who is teaching Ferguson the Frog today.



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 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.



HOSPITALITY

Barbara Bouchet

Snacks: Marianne Simpson, Shirley Irwin and Liz Doran

Beverages: Karen Vecchi and Darlene Smith

Ice: Caathy McCaughey

Barbara Bouchet



SUNSHINE

Holley Yarberry



June 2017 Birthdays

Sally Colcough	6/02
Merlene Ryan	6/07
Darlene Smith	6/25
Agnes Ketterman-Dobert	6/26



July 2017 Birthdays

Liz Little	7/01
Cathy McCaughey	7/04
Carrie Garrett	7/29

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



TBT 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

June 20- TBT Meeting Cathy McCaughey- Dandelion T-shirt

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



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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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 \$ _____

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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.

