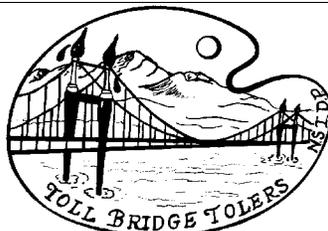


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey
President

Enjoyed seeing all the energy and sharing at the March meeting where members got together to paint and fill fabric bags designated for Battered Women's shelters in the community. This month's meeting, we are also painting a community service project of Kaleidoscope Angels on acrylic marbles for their Bags of Hope. We continue our busy year with: the July Barbecue in Petaluma, the Bunko Fundraiser in August, an Ornament Frenzy in September, cruising in November, and our annual Holiday Dinner scheduled again at Mangia Bene in Martinez on December 19th at 6:30pm.

For the April meeting if members who took classes in Las Vegas want to bring their pieces to share that would be great. Not all members can attend painting conventions and it is an opportunity to see what projects were offered and how the painted pieces turn out.

Leaving you with the following quote:
Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's Party'. Robin Williams.

Cathy McCaughey



PROGRAMS

Marianne Simpson
1st Vice President

I would like to thank everyone who attended our March meeting to paint canvas bags for the battered women's shelter, Karen Vecchi for donating the canvas bags and everyone who brought fabric paint and patterns to the meeting. The bags turned out beautiful and quite a few bags were completed at the meeting and many more were taken home to finish. Please bring your completed bags to the April meeting along with your donation of personal hygiene products inside them. If anyone would like to go with me to deliver the bags to the shelter, please get in touch with me.

Our **April meeting** is on Tuesday, April 18th and we will be painting Angels on marbles for Kaleidoscope. Lisa Schall will supply the marbles and paint. Please bring your regular painting supplies, a liner, stylus, round brush, filbert brush and enjoy an easy evening of painting stroke work angels for a great cause.



April meeting project

Our **May meeting** will be held on Saturday, May 20th. Lisa Schall will be teaching her “Ferguson Frog” done on a wine glass. I’ll have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting so if you want to sign up we will need a firm commitment for this project. Lisa will be ordering the supplies which include Wine Glasses and Quik Wood. If you will not be able to attend the April meeting but would like to sign up for this class, please contact me by email at maritoler@comcast.net or by phone at 925-354-1846. More information on the cost and supplies you will need to bring will follow in the May Newsletter.



May meeting 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. You will need to wash your T-shirt (or other surface) prior to the class (no fabric softener in the washer or dryer). You will also need to bring a cardboard covered surface beneath the fabric. Cathy will have some shower poufs that people can borrow of you can buy one at the dollar store. Cathy will also provide the rhinestones and there will be two rhinestone setters available. More details regarding the cost, brushes, and paint needed will be provided prior to the class.



June Meeting project

Marianne Simpson



MEMBERSHIP

Karen Vecchi
2nd Vice President

We welcome any new or returning members who have not renewed for 2017. Chapter dues are \$15 for 2017 and the National renewal dues are \$55. 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 March meeting was a wonderful collection of the leftover paint from the Jillybean glass seminar, pattern packet and glass paint brushes that were donated to our chapter by Jillybean. The lucky winner was Jeanie Strech.

Trish Bertolucci



SEMINARS

Merlene Ryan, Carrie Garrett and Cathy McCaughey

Sept 30, 2017 Ornament Frenzy

The Ornament Frenzy will be slightly different this year. There will be four ornaments and will end about 6:00 pm. The shorter version will let us go home earlier and eliminate the cost and work of making dinner. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help. Cathy has volunteered to head up the food committee. Her helpers are Luci, Trish, Debbie and Shirley. Liz, Karen and Loretta have volunteered to teach. Yeh! We could use one more teacher, please. I do everything I can to help. My helpers and I do all the organizing, copying, and shopping –just e-mail me your information when I nag at you. You can contact at me at r.merlene@yahoo.com 925-754-7997

Sandi Strecker- September 15 &16, 2018
Subject to board and membership approval.

Merlene, Carrie and Cathy



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Roz Borgerson

Happy Spring Everyone. We can start painting memory boxes now. I do not want to run short of boxes. I have many boxes you can have to paint on. Please call me if you need some. (925) 825-6547. Your gift of talent, and caring goes into each memory box and is received by someone you do not even know. God Bless All Of You. Have a wonderful day

Roz Borgerson



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Shirley Irwin

No awards were handed out at the March meeting.
Shirley Irwin



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

Karen Vecchi and Luci Flynn

Mark your calendar for April 13th (so you won't have an issue with submitting your entry on-line with everyone else). All Fair submissions must be done by April 14th at 11:59 pm. The County Fair is May 18th to May 21st. You have to use an on-line submission form, however, if you do not have access to a computer or do not use one, you can call the Fair office (925) 757-4400 and they will assist you with signing up. There is a fee of \$2 per entry to enter a project in the Fair. The categories have changed this year and there is only one Division for Decorative Tole Painting with 3 different classes. I did not find any definitions of the classes but I would suggest that a beginner is someone who has learned to paint within the last 2 years. There is also a Painted Rock Division and a Fine Art Division.

Division 109 Decorative Tole Painting

Classes:

- 1) Beginners
- 2) Intermediate
- 3) Advanced

Division 177 Painted Rocks

Division 256 Amateur Fine Art

Division 257 Professional Fine Art

There are 10 different classes in Fine Art and you can find them on page 19 of the Exhibitors Handbook

On-line form submission form (need a credit card): <https://costa.fairwire.com/>

On-line form select Department: Adult Home Arts;

Division: Tole Painting and the class you fit in.

2017 Still Exhibits Exhibitor

Handbook: <http://contracostafair.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2017-Still-Exhibit-Handbook.pdf>

Merlene has generously offered to drop off entries and pick them up after the fair. If you cannot drop your items off on May 5th or 6th, please contact Merlene to make arrangements to get your entries to her. We hope everyone will submit at least one piece each to the Fair this year.

Karen and Luci



CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR INFORMATION AND INCENTIVE

Karen Vecchi and Luci Flynn

In 2016, there was not a single decorative painting entry in the California State Fair. In 2015, there were only two entries. The Northern California chapters would like to get more entries submitted to the State Fair this year. The Red Hat Chapter is sponsoring a \$75.00 prize in the division. Entries can be hand delivered OR shipped to Sacramento. Entries are due by April 27th. For additional information, please go

to <http://www.castatefair.org/crafts/>.

Important Dates:

March 14 – Online Registration Opened

April 27 – Entry deadline 5:00 pm

May 10 – Shipped entries due

May 19 – Hand deliver entries 1-6 pm

May 20 – Hand deliver entries 9-1 pm

June 8 – Show selection notifications

June 16 – Pick up non-selected entries 1-6 pm

June 17 – Pick up non-selected entries 9-1 pm

July 22 – Award Ceremony

August 4 – Pick up exhibits 1-6 pm

August 5 – Pick up exhibits 9-1 pm

August 10 – Return shipped items



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 fundraisers 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 received a few raffle prizes last month and very much appreciate the donations.

Connie & Karen

SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE PAINTERS CONFERENCE



TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord CA
Saturday, March 18, 2017

(Note: There was no Board meeting.)

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy McCaughey at 10:00 am with a quorum present. The February minutes were approved as published in the March newsletter (Liz Little/Shirley Irwin).

President's Report – Cathy passed out mail-in ballots for SDP officers noting Linda Sharp is running for 1st Vice President/President Elect. SDP is requesting table decorations from Chapters attending the upcoming Florida convention. We have no one attending.

Charity Nominations – Voting followed on the three nominated charities. The Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank received 10 votes, Newberry's B.L.O.C.K. received 8 votes and Community Concern for Cats received 4 votes. Cathy noted First Lutheran Church receives \$300 for allowing us to use their facility. We will fund the top two selected charities from our Bunco fund raiser proceeds.

The July BBQ will be held at Loretta Mateik's home in Petaluma on Saturday, July 15, starting at noon. The Christmas dinner will be held at Mangia Bene's in Martinez on December 19 starting at 6:30 pm.

Treasurer's Report – Jann Otvos advised the report is available for review.

November Cruise – Jann announced the final cruise vote was for the four day Carnival cruise leaving November 5 from Long Beach to Ensenada and return. Seven or eight cabins have been blocked out for us. She provided the group prices for interior and ocean view cabins. Arrangements are through AAA in Antioch and a \$150 deposit per person is due by next week. Travel insurance is an additional cost. Prepaying the \$51.80 for tips is an option. Payment by credit card only or give Jann the cash deposit and she will put it on her credit card. Carnival is giving a \$50 per cabin on board credit. AAA members receive an additional \$50 on board credit plus wine tasting. Jann advised she also has information for a possible Spring, 2019 North Coast cruise.

Seminars – Merlene Ryan announced there will be an ornament frenzy on September 30 at the Plumbers’ Hall in Martinez. There will be four ornaments plus lunch and will be from 8 am to 5 pm. She asked for four teachers and help with the lunch. She asked if there was interest in booking Big Brush teachers for 2018. Sandi Strecker and Karen Brouwer (from Australia) were suggested. (Karen Brouwer will be in the Bay Area the week before the Las Vegas convention.) Karen Vecchi moved that we book both teachers for 2018. Shirley Irwin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Merlene will pursue both teachers.

Hospitality – Barbara Bouchet requested beverages for the April meeting. Plastic dishes left over from the giraffe class will be donated to the club.

County Fair – On line registration is now available. There is a \$2 entry fee for each item. Merlene offered to deliver entries to the fair and pick them up after the fair is over. Take the items to her home or bring to the April meeting.

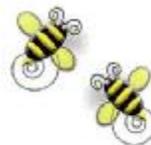
Bunco – Karen announced the bunco fundraiser will be held on August 26 at the Plumbers’ Hall in Martinez and the theme is “Summer in Paris”.

Awards and Recognition – Shirley Irwin has several to present but the recipients were not in attendance.

Special Drawing – Trish Bertolucci advised the prize is leftover paint, glass brushes and patterns donated by Jillybean from her seminar last October. Jeannie Strech won the prize.

Announcements - Cathy passed out convention books from Oklahoma City and Portland. She reminded everyone Jeanie still has some assorted items available at her home for anyone interested. Lisa Schall showed the marble project she will be teaching at the April meeting. Also displayed were washcloths sewn by some members to hold tooth brushes and toothpaste that would be put in the canvas bags for the battered women’s shelters.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am to the program of painting canvas tote bags for the Battered Women’s Shelters.



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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SUNSHINE

Holley Yarberry



April 2017 Birthdays

Jeanne Press	4/08
Karen Vecchi	4/18



May 2017 Birthdays

Connie Oakley 5/24

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 Yarberry



HOSPITALITY Barbara Bouchet

Snacks: Liz Little, Barbara Bouchet and Connie Oakley
Beverages: Debbie Trapp, and Jann Otvos
Ice: Darlene Smith

Thanks so much one and all.

Barbara Bouchet



TBT 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

April 18- TBT Meeting Lisa Schall-Kaleidoscope Stroke Work Angels on 1/2" acrylics marbles
May 16-20- SDP's International Conference and Expo Daytona Beach, FL
May 20- TBT Saturday Meeting- Ferguson the Frog Wine Glass 10:00am
June 20- TBT Meeting Cathy McCaughey- Dandelion T-shirt
July – Date TBD- 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

**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.

**Shirley Irwin has some books with rose designs by Susan Abdella that have wonderful work up instructions for sale for \$3.00 each. Please contact Shirley if you want to purchase or have questions.

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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