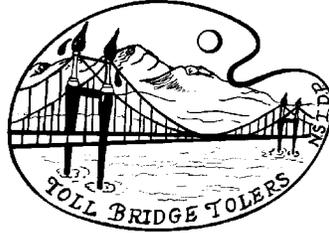


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had excellent participation at our ornament frenzy at the end of September. There is no better way to spend a Saturday than painting ornaments with friends and being taught by fellow painters from our chapter.

This month besides our general chapter meeting and painting program, we are also having our popular Halloween ornament exchange. It is always a treat to see what other members have painted for the exchange. So, start painting your ornament now so you can participate in the fun.

In addition, mark Tuesday December 19th on your calendar for our annual Holiday Dinner celebration. It starts at 6:30 pm at Mangia Bene in Martinez.

I encourage you to come join the rest of your chapter in celebrating the last three months of 2017. Also get your membership renewals in to Karen because plans for 2018 so far include seminars by Karen Brouwer and Sandi Strecker .

Cathy McC



PROGRAMS

1st Vice President

I'd like to extend a big "**THANK YOU**" to Jann O. for teaching the Turkey project at our September meeting. There were so many wonderful Turkeys painted on a variety of surfaces. It was a fun day and everyone had a great time!

Our **October** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th at our regular meeting place. We will be having our annual **Fall ornament exchange** along with our monthly project so it is sure to be a fun filled evening! If you would like to participate in the ornament exchange (*it is voluntary*), please bring your **hand painted** ornament in a plain brown paper bag to the meeting. I will collect the bags and we will do the exchange after the general meeting.

Our October project is a "Wicked Cute" Witch Clip by Sandy LeFlore, taught by Liz Little. The cost for this project is \$6.00. For those of you that attended the Ornament Frenzy you should have already picked up your project kit.

The prep instructions and supplies needed for this project are as follows:

Prep Instructions for Paint, (highlighted)

**NOTE: The paint colors that are highlighted are the only colors you will need for base coating the project, if you

don't have them wait until class and use the paint that will be provided. I know some of you like using your own paint, so I listed all paints. I will be providing all paint at class.



Palette: DecoArt Americana

- Black Forest Green
- Bubble Gum Pink
- Burnt Umber
- Deep Burgundy
- Grape Juice
- Graphite
- Heritage Brick
- Lamp Black
- Lilac
- Margarita
- Moon Yellow
- Pink Chiffon
- Purple Cow
- Spiced Pumpkin
- True Blue
- Turquoise Blue
- Warm White

Brushes:

- Small Liner #1
- Round #2
- Glaze Wash Brush
- Small Dry Brush
- Small Stencil Brush

Bring Stencils for backgrounds if you have them –
Dots, Stars & Leaves

Supplies:

- Normal Painting Supplies
- Paper Towels

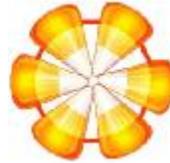
Prep Witch & Clothespin:

Trace pattern on with tracing paper. Sand wood pieces lightly. Remove the metal spring on Clothespin. Paint front clothespin with Spiced Pumpkin, sides with Warm White and back with Black Forest Green. Paint inside of clothes pin with Purple Cow.
Witch- paint hat with Black Forest, - hat band with Turquoise Blue, - pumpkins with Spiced Pumpkin, - stems with Burnt Umber, - stockings with Margarita, - boots with Graphite, - hair with Purple Cow.
I hope to see everyone there!

Our **November** meeting will be taught by D.J. West on Tuesday, November 21st. More information on that project will be in next month's newsletter.

Looking forward to **2018, we will need members to teach our monthly meeting projects.** If you are interested, please contact me and let me know what month and project you would like to teach. Thanks in advance for volunteering.

Marianne S.



MEMBERSHIP
2nd Vice President

You chapter dues are due this month. Thank you to those who have already paid. The chapter and society dues are due October 1st and need to be paid by no later than December 1st. Chapter dues are \$15 for 2018 and the National renewal are \$60 for the calendar year. Please submit a completed application with your chapter dues payment. 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 dues needs to be paid directly to the Society. You submit payment on their website at www.decorativepainters.org. The National dues are managed by the Craft and Hobby Association. Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance.

Karen V.



WAYS AND MEANS

At our September meeting, the special drawing was donated by Liz L. It was a lovely wooden crate filled with a pillow, ceramic pumpkin, tray, candy and a candle. It was won by Jan V. Thank you Liz for donating the prize.

Trish B.





SEMINARS

Feb. 10, 2018 Karen Brouwer Seminar
Sept. 15 & 16, 2018 Sandi Strecker Seminar

Thanks to all the helpers, we had another successful ornament frenzy. It all started with Liz arranging the hall for all 30 of us again. Several offered to bring food and Cathy volunteered to be in charge. Wonderful food! Thanks Cathy, Trish, Luci, Shirley, Marianne and Debbie. Cathy and Shirley came extra early so the coffee would be ready to drink. Liz and Sue helped me put the ornament packages together –it’s not hard, just a lot to do. Thanks. Set up was quick because Cathy, Liz and Tom, Vivian, Jann and Jay came to help on Friday. Saturday morning was much calmer (and later). Thanks! Carrie painted all our beautiful name tags. Love them --- thank you. Without the teachers it wouldn’t be an Ornament Frenzy! Thank you to Liz, Karen, Loretta and Vivian! It was a nice variety of ornaments to treasure for years to come. At least half of the attendees stayed for clean-up. You are the greatest!

Merlene, Carrie and Cathy



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hi everyone. Note from Rhonda Smith, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. (Thank you so much Roz for the beautiful memory boxes. The talent of the volunteers is out of this world. I appreciate you and the other volunteers tremendously. Your service is truly appreciated). I gave them 18 boxes. We now have 5 left. They are going in the library cases. I will not have to give them any others for about 6-8 months. I do have some unpainted boxes if anyone would like one. Thank you dear painting friends.

Roz B



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

I handed out awards at our September meeting to Holley for her donation to the church’s crabfeed in December last year and to Karen for doing our Bunko fundraiser. Cathy made some very special crocheted awards in the shape of a piece of pie and she gave them to Connie and Karen for chairing the Bunko fundraiser, to Loretta for hosting our annual BBQ at her house in July and to Liz L. for getting the plumber’s hall for our Bunko fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who volunteers and helps our chapter be successful.

Shirley I.

OCTOBER IS DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

October is Decorative Painting month. In trying to increase public awareness of both Decorative Painting and our local chapter, we have set up a display of some of our members’ painted pieces inside the main library in Concord at 2900 Salvio Street. Stop by to check out our display if you are in the area.

Suzanne O. and Cathy McC.
Decorative Painting Month Committee

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
Saturday, September 9, 2017

Note: No Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Cathy McC. with a quorum present. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the July newsletter (Barbara B./Shirley I.).

Communications: Cathy McC. announced the SDP member contact for our Chapter is Pat Marler from Idaho (208-407-5219). The NCCC Stay in Touch seminar is October 14 in Salida. Connie O. advised members to confirm the seminar is a go before sending in their registration. The Palomar Heritage Painters are hosting a three day seminar with Willow Wolfe October 27-29.

Discussion followed on what personal information we want published in the newsletter and on the website following a phishing attempt in June. It was suggested only members’ first names and last initial be used and no

names and phone numbers be listed in the newsletter. It was felt the member handbook and membership list provided to members is sufficient. It was also suggested birthdays be listed under the month rather than including dates. The website should list just the P. O. Box for general contact. Holley Y. moved that member names and email addresses not be published and use the P. O. Box and a generic email for the website. Barbara B. seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

SDP dues have increased by \$10 to \$60 per year. The Chapter may consider paying the extra \$10 for new members but they would have to pay the \$60 first.

The Christmas dinner is set for 6:30 pm on December 19 at Mangia Bene in Martinez. A sign-up sheet will be available at the October meeting. A chicken entrée will be added to the menu.

1st VP Programs – Marianne S. advised Liz L. will teach a Halloween pattern in October and Liz advised it will cost \$6.00 per person. The packets will be available at the Ornament Frenzy. Teachers are needed for next year and Merlene R. agreed to teach at a Saturday meeting.

Treasurer – Jann O. announced the Treasurer’s report was available for review.

Community Service Projects – Cathy McC. advised Roz B. has memory boxes. Trish B. advised Lisa S. has a friend at a Sacramento hospital who does boxes for hospitalized kids and she may be a contact for us for our IV lily pads.

Seminars – Merlene R. passed out packets for the Ornament Frenzy on September 30 at the Plumbers’ Hall in Martinez. The event starts at 8:30 am. The Karen Brouwer seminar is February 10, 2018 at our usual meeting location and the Sandi Strecker seminar is September 15 & 16, 2018.

Hospitality – Barbara B. circulated the book for October and November sign-ups.

Nominations – Luci F. announced there are candidates for all positions except Ways and Means and the NCCC representatives. Jann O. agreed to do Ways and Means. The nomination list will be published in the October newsletter with the election of officers at the November meeting.

Bunco – Karen V. advised approximately \$1700 was made on the raffle for our three charities. Those checks will be given out at the November meeting. Discussion followed on the Chinese raffle tickets used this year with many positive comments heard from attendees. A bag was attached to each raffle prize for people to put their tickets in the bags of their choice. One table was closed at a time and the winning tickets posted. The final table’s prize winning tickets were called at the end of the event. A total of 72 bunco tickets were sold. Feedback on the process was generally positive.

October Painting Month – Cathy McC. advised she has received a sufficient number of items to display at the Concord library from October 1-31.

Awards and Recognition – Shirley I. presented awards to Holley Y. and Karen V. President Cathy McC. presented awards to Connie O. and Karen V. for the bunco event, Loretta M. for hosting the July BBQ and Liz L. for use of the Plumbers’ Hall.

Membership – Karen V. advised membership dues are \$15 and are due by November 30. National dues are \$60 and are also due.

Ways and Means – Trish B. announced tonight’s special drawing prize was donated by Liz L. and consists of a pillow, ceramic pumpkin, tray, candy and a candle. It was won by Jan V.

Luci announced Liz D. fell and broke her hip and will need assistance once she is home from the hospital with transportation to doctor’s appointments and shopping as she will not be able drive for some time. Luci will coordinate with members. She also visited Lucille H, at her daughter’s home in Oregon. She will share her address with members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 am to the program taught by Jann O.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS FOR 2018

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| President: | Connie O. |
| 1st VP-Programs: | Marianne S. |
| 2nd VP-Membership: | Karen V. |
| Secretary: | Darlene S. |
| Treasurer: | Jann O. |
| Newsletter: | Trish B. |
| Ways and Means: | Jann O. |

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| County Fair: | Karen V. and Luci F. |
| Community Projects: | Roz B |
| Dec. Painting Month: | Cathy McC. and Suzanne O. |
| Handbook: | Karen V. |
| Historian: | Loretta M. |
| Hospitality: | Barbara B. |
| Librarian: | Jann O. |
| N.C.C.C. Reps: | VACANT |
| Seminars/Paint-ins: | Cathy McC. |
| Nominating Committee: | Luci F. |
| Parliamentarian: | Cathy McC. |
| Rewards/Recognition: | Shirley I. |
| Sunshine: | Holley Y. |
| Website: | Loretta M. |
| Publicity: | Lisa S. |



NEWSLETTER

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 at TBTNewsletter@comcast.net or Loretta. 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.



SUNSHINE

A Great Happy Birthday to all of our October ladies, Kathy, Judy, & Barbara and our November ladies Genie, Liz, Lisa, Luci and Sue. Eat all the cake & ice cream that you want!!

The best way to contact me is either on my cell and leave a message or to send me an email, as I may be traveling.

Holley Y.



HOSPITALITY

Snacks: Jan V, Connie and Luci

Beverages: Loretta and Karen

Ice: Cathy

Barbara B.



TBT 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

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 10, 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 for details.

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TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2018

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 Tolerers
P. O. Box 2671
Martinez, Ca. 94553**

Date received _____

Check # _____

Cash _____

OK to publish: Yes or NO



Join Toll Bridge Tolars for our Annual
2017 Holiday Celebration at December 19, 2017 6:30 pm
Mangia Bene Restaurant 1170 Arnold Dr., Martinez
(In the I-Hop shopping complex)

\$31 – Make checks payable to Toll Bridge Tolars

Meal includes Soup or Salad; Entrée, & Dessert (tax & tip). Water (plain or sparkling)

Your selection will be from the menu provided by the restaurant that evening (they are undergoing a menu update). The selection will be similar to the entrees listed below

Capellini al Pomodoro- Angel hair pasta, marinara sauce, chopped tomatoes, fresh basil, garlic, EVOO (choice of plain, with chicken or shrimp)

Spaghetti alla Bolognese- with ground beef, sliced mushrooms & fresh tomato sauce

Spaghetti con Polpette di Carne- with meatballs and chopped onions in a creamy marinara sauce

Pennette alla Vodka- Pasta tubes, pancetta, caramelized onions, a shot of vodka, lite cream & tomato sauce

Cannelloni di Pollo- home-made cannelloni stuffed with ground roasted chicken & vegetables, topped with a marinara and béchamel cream sauce

Lasagna- homemade pasta layered with Bolognese sauce, parmesan cheese, marinara & a touch of Bechamel sauce, topped with a slice of Mozzarella cheese

Fettucine Alfredo- Home-made fettuccine in a creamy Alfredo sauce. Choice of plain or chicken

Ravioli com Pomodoro Basilico- Home-made ravioli filled with spinach, swiss chard, pine nuts & ricotta cheese in a garlic, fresh basil & tomato sauce

Turtei di Zucca- Home-made ravioli filled with roasted butternut squash & ricotta cheese, topped with your choice of sauce: Cream & Sage or Browned butter & Sage

Send Checks by Dec. 8th to: TBT ,P.O. Box 2671 , Martinez, CA 94553

