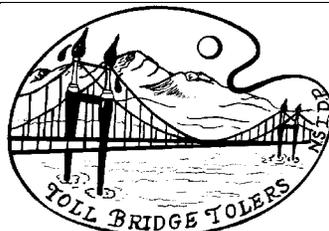


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey
President

In July, we had an enjoyable afternoon in Petaluma at our annual barbecue. Many thanks to our hosts Robert and Loretta and everyone who brought food and drinks to share. A special thank you to Jeanie Stretch who brought home grown vegetables for everyone to take home and for her big donation of paper products that we will be using for our upcoming ornament frenzy in September. Just last weekend we had our annual Bunko Fundraiser. Connie, Karen, and their committee did a fabulous job with great decorations and wrapped raffle prizes. Thanks to all members who donated raffle prizes, brought salads and desserts and helped with the set up and clean up. Liz and Tom Little are instrumental in our use of the Plumbers Hall in Martinez to host this event. Several attendees who are not members of our chapter expressed how they look forward to attending this event every year, so kudos to everyone.

Luci Flynn has been busy working putting together our slate for Board and Committee Nominations for 2018. Our plan is to present the slate in September, post the proposed slate in our October newsletter and vote on nominations at our October meeting. We will publish the results in our November newsletter and the Officers and Chairpersons elected will be inducted at our Dinner in December. If you

are interested in running for an office, let Luci know. We are no longer a big chapter and several members are filling more than one position. Our chapter relies on the time and effort that members volunteer to make our meetings, programs and community service projects successful, so I am encouraging everyone to consider what you can contribute towards this goal.

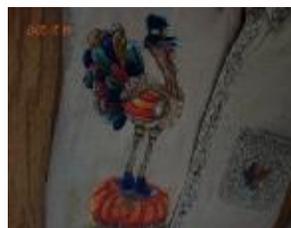
We still have a busy remaining 4 months, so there is still time to come and paint or socialize with the rest of chapter.

Cathy McCaughey



PROGRAMS

Marianne Simpson
1st Vice President



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 must supply their own surface. Jann's turkey is painted on a khaki shirt, but a banner, pillow or table runner will work as well. A sign-up sheet was passed around at our May and June meetings and we had 23 members sign up. However, 2 of those members will not be able to attend so if you would like to take their place, please contact me at 925-354-1846 or Jann at 925-706-8365 right away and we'll get the line drawing to you so you can prep your piece.

Turkey Class Instructions from Jann:

If painting design on fabric, wash and dry fabric without using fabric softener or dryer sheet. Press to remove any wrinkles. Transfer design using whatever method works for you. I have had success transferring the pattern to fabric in the same way I transfer design to wood – I put the fabric on a hard surface, place graphite paper between pattern and fabric and trace over design with a stylus. Iron on transfer pens and pencils work as well. This is only two of dozens of methods – if you need help, please call. Put fabric on a shirt board – any piece of card board will work – and secure with tape or clips. I like to protect the area that will not be painted with Press and Seal.

If painting design on wood, sand, seal, sand surface as usual. Paint background color of your choice. Transfer design. Project photos, instructions, fabric and acrylic paints will be provided as well as a pen for the pen work. Bring your usual painting supplies to class - assorted brushes, water basin, wax pallet paper, paper towels - as well as your lunch.

If you decide to bring your own paints, a list of Acrylic and Fabric paints is listed below:

<u>DecoArt Americana Acrylics</u>	<u>DecoArt SoSoft Fabric Paint</u>
Antique Gold	Antique Gold
Burnt Orange	Bittersweet Orange
Burnt Sienna	Burnt Sienna
Cranberry Wine	Crimson
Dark Chocolate	Dark Chocolate
Forrest Green	Pine Green
Lamp Black	Black
Khaki Tan	Buttermilk + Dark Chocolate (2:1)
Primary Yellow	Primary Yellow
Royal Purple	Dioxazine Purple
Sable Brown	Pottery Brown
Soft Black	Black + Pottery Brown
Tomato Red	Christmas Red
White	White

This should be a fun day, I hope to see everyone there.

Marianne Simpson



MEMBERSHIP

**Karen Vecchi
2nd Vice President**

It is time to start thinking about renewing your chapter and national society dues. 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 Vecchi



**WAYS AND MEANS
Trish Bertolucci**

We all had a wonderful time at the BBQ at Loretta's house in July. We had a special drawing too! Cathy McCaughey donated a Hobby Lobby gift card, Bunko socks, two painting patterns, Shining Feather Brush Basin and a fine line painter's pen. It was won by Loretta Mateik.

Trish Bertolucci



SEMINARS

Merlene Ryan, Carrie Garrett and Cathy McCaughey

Sept 30, 2017 Ornament Frenzy
*****Feb. 10, 2018** Karen Brouwer Seminar***
Sept. 15 & 16, 2018 Sandi Strecker Seminar

I need you to sign up for the ornament frenzy soon. I have money and forms from 6 and have made packets for 30 and have surfaces for 35. There is prep before frenzy day. I have the packets ready and can hand them out at the Sept meeting or we can make special arrangements. Our teachers are Loretta, Liz Little, Vivian and Karen. These ornaments should all be fun. Hope to see you there. Lunch is included and the food committee has all that planned out. Registration form is at the end of the newsletter.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Shirley Irwin

I have been holding on to some awards for a few people and I gave them out to them at the Bunko Fundraiser. Loretta Mateik received one for hosting our annual BBQ this year at her house. Vivian Roubal received one for donating the Special Raffle prize in November of 2016 and Liz Doran received her award for donating the Special Raffle prize for our May meeting. Thank you everyone.

Shirley Irwin

ANNUAL BUNKO FUNDRAISER

Connie Oakley and Karen Vecchi



***We have a new date for Karen Brouwer. Please mark your calendar or change your mark on the calendar. I have some pictures and she's getting costs to me soon. Choosing at the planning meeting should be about right for our timeline. Mark your calendars for that also. Mark your calendars for the Sandi Strecker seminar next year. It's easy to forget and make other plans for that weekend. Merlene Ryan r.merlene@yahoo.com 925-754-7997

Merlene, Carrie and Cathy



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Roz Borgerson

Hello fellow painters. Thank you for the beautiful memory boxes that I have received. You are all so generous with your talent. If you have any questions, please call me. God Bless you

Roz Borgerson

Our Bunko fundraiser, "Summer in Paris" took place on Saturday, August 26th. We had 69 attendees who had a lovely lunch including desserts provided by our members. Thanks to all of you who participated and provided food.

This year we tried something different with the raffle tickets and the raffling of the prizes. Karen came up with the idea of using the "Chinese raffle tickets" where you have just one number for 25 tickets. Each raffle item had a separate bag and attendees could place their tickets in the bag of the items they wanted to win. The winners for each raffle prize was posted and attendees could check to see if they had won. While attendees enjoyed dessert, we called out the raffle numbers for the last table of prizes only. Please let us know if you liked the new raffle process this year.

We would like to thank Liz Little for getting the Plumbers Hall; Teri Hallock for helping to assemble the baskets, organizing the post-it sheet of winners and checking the winning tickets; Loretta Mateik for making the truffles; Loretta Mateik and Jeanie Strech for making the dice boxes to hold the truffles; Trish Bertolucci for coordinating the food; Suzanne Olson for coordinating the folding tables; Vivian Roubal for sewing the silverware pockets; Vivian Roubal and Barbara Bouchet for prepping food and overseeing the kitchen; Barbara Bouchet and Debbie Trapp for working the Registration/Welcome table; setup and cleanup crew – Trish Bertolucci, Luci Flynn, Liz and Tom Little, Cathy

McCaughey, Jann and Jay Otvos, and Vivian Roubal. A BIG thank you goes to all who donated raffle prizes. We had a great turn out with 63 raffle prizes donated and it was hard to choose which ones to put your ticket in. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated to make this event the success that it is.



Until next year . . .

Connie & Karen

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD and GENERAL MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

No meetings were held in July or August due to our yearly BBQ and Bunko Fundraiser. (Editors 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.

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.



SUNSHINE Holley Yarberry

We would like to wish the following members a very Happy Birthday who will be celebrating their special day in the months of September and October! Hope you all enjoy your special day- Roni Marks, Donna Singer, Sue Shimansky, Judy Hagar, Kathy Gunther and Barbara Bouchet.

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

Our meeting is Saturday, September 9th and it's a bring your own lunch and drink, and if you would like, a snack to share. See you there.

Barbara Bouchet



TBT 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

September 9- TBT Saturday Meeting-Jann Otvos Turkey on a Pumpkin on shirt, or canvas bag etc. 9:00am
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 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.

Painting Tip by Tracy Moreau—

Clean Dirty Stencils by wetting them and laying them on a large ceramic tile or piece of plate glass. Rub the stencil with Hand Sanitizer and the stubborn Bits with a Magic Eraser. Rinse in cool water and repeat if needed. This works on dry paint too!



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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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, 2017. 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.

