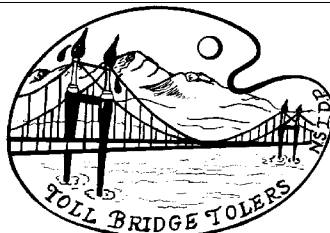


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cathy McCaughey
President

I am currently reading Maria Kondo's bestseller "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" and her philosophy is that we need to only hold onto things that "spark joy" in you. Painting and getting together to paint or celebrate with fellow painters definitely is a spark for me and if it is for you too, the chapter has several upcoming events that you will not want to miss.

We are meeting in April, May and June. There are no scheduled meetings in July and August because we have our barbecue/potluck get together in Petaluma on Saturday July 15th at noon and our annual Bunko fundraiser for our two charities (Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank and Newberry's B.L.O.C.K) is on August 26th at 11:30 am at the Plumbers' Hall in Martinez. So, members need to start thinking about donations as raffle prizes for the Bunko raffle and you will be asked to sign up for dishes for the Barbecue and Bunko if you plan on attending.

When we return in September it will be a busy month with a Saturday meeting on the 9th and our Ornament Frenzy on September 30th. In addition, we will need to start thinking about nominations for Officers and Committee Chairpersons for 2018 in order to be able to nominate in October and vote in new office holders at our November meeting. Wishing you a spring filled with "Sparks of Joy"

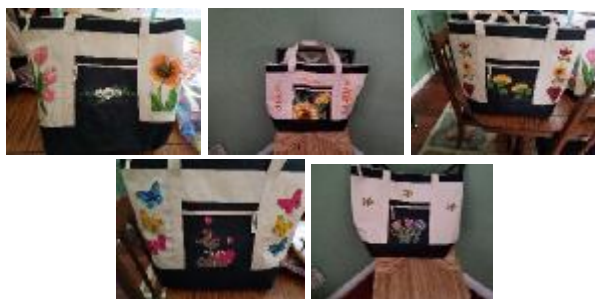
Cathy McCaughey

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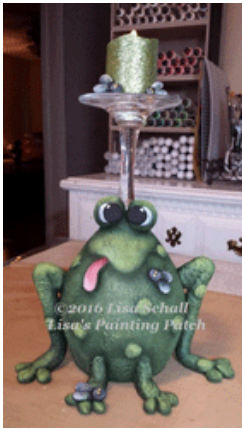
Marianne Simpson
1st Vice President

We had a great turn out at our April meeting and thanks to our wonderful members, over 100 beautiful Angel Marbles were painted for the Kaleidoscope Bags of Hope.

An additional 14 canvas bags from our March meeting were turned in at our April meeting. Some of the beautiful bags received are shown below:



Jann Otvos and I delivered all the bags to Shepard's Gate Women's Shelter where the staff members were thrilled and gratefully accepted them. We are a very giving group of talented women!



May meeting Project



June Meeting project

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to our **May meeting** on Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 to 3:00 pm. There are still 5 spots available for Lisa Schall's "Ferguson Frog" project. Please call me at 925-354-1846 or email me at maritoler@comcast.net to sign up. The cost of the class is \$16.00 and is payable whether you attend the class/meeting or not. In addition to your regular painting supplies you will need to bring the following:

Brushes ~Texture Medium is rough on your brushes, so do **not** use your very best brushes. Because of their durability, use **Princeton Select Lunar Blenders**.

3/8" Lunar Blender- Available at Hobby Lobby in the Fine Art Department

1/4" Angle shader

#4 Round

10/0 Liner

3/8" old, Scruffy brush for applying Opal Dust glitter

Supplies:

Small sea sponge

Stylus

Metal palette knife

12" or 6" long ruler

Pencil

Chalk pencil

Scissors

Tracing paper

So, bring your lunch and enjoy a fun day of painting! If anyone wants to bring a dessert to share, please feel free.



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.

Two great projects coming up, hope to see everyone there!

Marianne Simpson



MEMBERSHIP

Karen Vecchi
2nd Vice President

We had 2 guests at our April meeting – Kathy Gunther and Judy Hagar. I believe they came with Roni Marks. They were part of the Vacaville chapter. They are both planning on joining our chapter and Kathy will be at our May meeting on Saturday May 20th. When you see them, please introduce yourself and welcome them to our chapter. Please let me know if you did not get a handbook and I will send one to you. 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 April meeting was a Zentangle coloring book and pencils and a \$20 gift card from Michaels provided by Karen Vecchi. It was won by Merlene Ryan. Thank you Karen for your donation.

Trish Bertolucci



SEMINARS

Merlene Ryan, Carrie Garrett and Cathy McCaughey

Sept 30, 2017 Ornament Frenzy
Sept. 15 & 16, 2018 Sandi Strecker Seminar

The Ornament Frenzy will be slightly different this year. There will be four ornaments and will end about 6:00pm. 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. We'll have pictures of the ornaments for the June or July newsletter.

Mark your calendars for the Sandi Strecker seminar next year. It's easy to forget and make other plans for that weekend. Call or email Merlene Ryan at r.merlene@yahoo.com 925-754-7997

Merlene, Carrie and Cathy



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Roz Borgerson

Thank you Jann for the cute memory boxes. Connie will bring some boxes for painting if you need them. Please call me if you need anything or any patterns. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

Roz Borgerson



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Shirley Irwin

No awards were handed out at the April meeting.

Shirley Irwin



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

Karen Vecchi and Luci Flynn

The County Fair is May 18th to May 21st at the Contra Costa Fairgrounds in Antioch. Items entered in the fair should be dropped off on May 5th or May 6th. If you have the time, try and go to the fair to see the projects submitted in the Decorative Tole Painting category and support everyone who entered pieces. If you go to the Fair, please take pictures so we can post them on-line. You can get more information on the county fair at <http://contracostafair.com/2017-contra-costa-county-fair/>. Also, coming up is the California State Fair 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 BUNCO 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

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
April 18, 2017

Present: Trish Bertolucci, Barbara Bouchet, Darlene Smith, Merlene Ryan, Roni Marks, Lisa Schall, Liz Doran, Luci Flynn, Karen Vecchi, Debbie Trapp, Jann Otvos

The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice President Karen Vecchi at 6:46 pm.

Merlene Ryan announced Sandi Strecker is available to do a seminar for us September 15-16, 2018. It was moved, seconded and approved (Karen Vecchi/ Lisa Schall) that we move forward with finalizing this seminar. Merlene is exploring a seminar by Karen Brouwer of Australia. It may have to be on a weekday rather than a weekend depending on Karen's schedule.

The agenda for the general meeting to follow was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord CA
April 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice President Karen Vecchi at 7:00 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the March meeting as published in the April newsletter were approved (Barbara Bouchet/Luci Flynn).

Guests: Kathy Gunther and Judy Hager, who were with the former Vacaville Chapter, introduced themselves. They were welcomed to the meeting.

Correspondence: Karen advised the San Diego Brush Whackers are calling for teachers for their Autumn Get Away. The Sacramento Chapter has issued a challenge for State Fair entries and is offering a \$75 prize incentive. Karen reminded that the Contra Costa County Fair entries are due May 5 and 6 and Merlene Ryan has offered to deliver the entries if requested.

Treasurer: Jann Otvos had the Treasurer's report available for review.

Programs: Several painted tote bags for the Battered Women's Shelter in Brentwood and Concord were brought this evening filled with toiletries. Jann Otvos advised Lisa Schall will be teaching a frog project at the May 20th meeting and advance sign-up is required. There are 24 surfaces available and the deadline for sign-ups is May 13th. The cost will be \$16.00. A sign-up sheet was circulated and an email announcement will be sent for those not present this evening.

Seminars: Merlene Ryan announced the Ornament Frenzy will be held on September 30, 2017 at the Plumbers' Hall in Martinez. She would like one more teacher. The Sandi Strecker seminar is September 15-16, 2018. There will be two one-day projects and she circulated pictures of possibilities.

Hospitality: Barbara Bouchet asked for one more sign-up for the June meeting. It was agreed to bring your own lunch to the Saturday, May 20th meeting. Barbara brought several pattern books from Shirley Irwin for purchase at \$3.00 each.

Community Service: Jann Otvos brought two painted memory boxes and it was announced that Roz Borgerson needs more painted and she has the boxes available.

Bunco: Karen announced the bunco fund raiser is August 26, 2017 at the Plumbers' Hall in Martinez. The tickets are \$25.00 and will be available at the May meeting. Additional raffle prizes are still needed. The theme is "Summer in Paris".

Ways and Means: Trish Bertolucci advised the special prize tonight is a Zentangle coloring book and pencils and

a \$20 gift card from Michaels provided by Karen Vecchi. It was won by Merlene Ryan.

Announcement: Karen announced that Vicki Gardiner's family is having a craft fair to sell Vicki's items this Saturday, April 22nd from 9 am to 2 pm at 51 Mt. Tamalpais in Clayton.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm to the painted angel on half marbles project for Kaleidoscope taught by Lisa Schall.



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



May 2017 Birthdays

Connie Oakley 5/24



June 2017 Birthdays

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

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

Hi everyone, May 20th is a Saturday meeting and we will each bring our own lunch and drink. If you would like to bring a treat (veggies, dessert, etc). to share that would be great. See you there. Cheers!

Barbara Bouchet





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.

TBT 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

- 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 – 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

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

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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