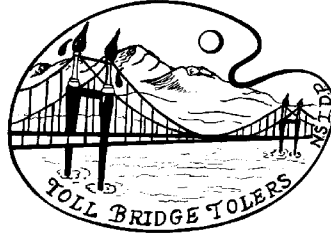


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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year seems to be flying by already, especially with April 1<sup>st</sup> being Easter and so early in the year. Easter will have come and gone by the time we meet so I hope you all have a Happy Easter with your family and friends.

We had a great Saturday meeting in March. Merlene instructed us on how to make designs on shirts using puffy paint. Everyone was excited to try the technique and the shirts all came out beautiful. If you can, please try and wear your shirt to our April meeting so we can see the designs everyone came up with. Thank you Merlene for a fun project and meeting.

I'm excited to do our next project with Trish. It is an adorable fairy jar. I have seen this on Pinterest before and have wanted to try doing it. I'm happy to see that we will all get to make one. So very cute!

We have not discussed where we would like to hold our Christmas Dinner at this year. Please give it some thought before our meeting in April. Do you want to return to Mangia Bene or go to a different restaurant? Over the years, unfortunately, our Chapter has declined in numbers and we easily fit in

the backroom of Mangia Bene and parking is easy. Additionally, we do not have to share the backroom with anyone else and can have access to decorate beforehand.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter!  
*Connie*



## PROGRAMS

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Thank You to Merlene for a great Saturday project in March. Everyone enjoyed painting with "Puff Paint on Fabric". There were so many cute t-shirts painted. Please check out the website to see some of the finished pieces.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and is being taught by Trish B. We will be making a fun Fairy Jar in a glass mason jar that will be glittered on the inside and decorated with cardstock cutouts that are glued inside. Then we'll add a tealight to light it up. We will also be decorating the rim of the jar (or the lid, your choice) with items like twine, raffia, flowers etc.



Cost: \$5.00, includes all materials needed to complete one Fairy Jar.

Materials needed: If you have some needle nose pliers, please bring them. It is easier to glue the items inside the jar if you have these. I have 4 sets, so we can share, but the more we have the better.

Please mark your calendar for our May meeting which will be held on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 4:00. You don't want to miss this one as Liz L. will be teaching one of her own designs. The cost will be \$8.00. The prep Instructions and pattern are at the end of the newsletter so please print them and bring them with you to the meeting.



We really need to increase our attendance at our meetings, so I hope everyone can attend.

*Marianne*



## MEMBERSHIP 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

We want to welcome our two new members, Cheryl Robertson and Valerie Padgett! Thank you for joining and if you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

Chapter dues are \$15 for 2018 and the National renewal dues are \$60. You can access the chapter Membership Application form on our website at [www.tollbridgetolers.org](http://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 can submit payment on their website at [www.decorativepainters.org](http://www.decorativepainters.org) or mail it in with a form. You can call them for assistance to pay the National dues. Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance.

*Karen V.*



## SEMINARS

The votes were counted up on Monday March 19, 2018 and the second Sandi Strecker Project selected is "Light up Halloween" over "Believe" at a vote count of 10 for Halloween and 4 for Believe. On Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm we will have the "Light Up Halloween" seminar at the First Lutheran Church. On Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> the seminar is "Light Up Christmas" at the Plumbers Hall in Martinez.

The registration forms are attached to the newsletter. In looking at past costs for seminars with Big Brushes that we have brought in to teach for our chapter, the cost has ranged from \$55-\$80, so the cost for these two seminars are within that range. The deadline for registration for both these seminars is June 30<sup>th</sup> since we will be ordering the wood and lights from Sandi and she needs two weeks headway to laser cut the pieces and then she has to ship them to me to distribute for the prep work.

I hope those of you that can, will register to paint with us.

I am looking for volunteers for pins and the food committee for these seminars.

Any questions, feel free to contact me by email or phone. (Please see our booklet for my information).

"Light Up Christmas"



"Light Up Halloween"



Cathy

## ANNUAL BUNKO FUNDRAISER



This year Bunko will be on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and start painting your donations. The theme this year will be Flamingo Fandango. Remember to invite your family and friends for a nice lunch and an afternoon of fun. If you are interested in being on the Decorations Committee, please let Connie know. Karen will be accepting newly painted items or newly purchased items to be combined in the baskets we assemble for the raffle. Thank you.

Connie and Karen



## COMMUNITY SERVICE VETERANS HALL MENS BATHROOM REMODEL

I have surfaces and patterns ready to hand out. I will bring them to the meeting but if you'd like more time or get a head start, contact me and I'll get them to you. They probably need to be done by the May meeting or very close to that. Can't believe how fast

the year has gone. My fault there will be a rush to get it done. Hope to hear from lots of you soon.

Merlene

## CONTRA COSTA FAIR ENTRY INFORMATION



The Contra Costa Fair is coming! It will be May 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. **ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE IS APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018!**

1. NO LATE ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Submission of entries is ultimately the responsibility of the exhibitor. Failure of leader, advisor or parent to submit entries online does not constitute a request for variance.
2. All entries will be entered online at [www.contracostafair.com](http://www.contracostafair.com) and must be **entered by 11:59pm on April 13, 2018**. No paper entries will be accepted. If you have questions regarding online entries please call the administration office at (925) 757-4400 or come into the Administration Office at 1201 W 10th Street, Antioch. The office is open daily 9am to 4pm, closed from 12noon to 1pm for lunch.
3. All Premium checks will be mailed to exhibitors within 30 days following the close of the fair. Ribbons, tags or cards have no value to payment. Only the placing on the judging sheet constitutes the final placement. All other awards can be picked up at the Livestock Office
4. NOTE: If you do not have access to a computer or do not know how to use a computer please contact the Fair Office, at (925) 757-4400 and you will be provided with assistance in entering your entries.

### ENTRY DROP OFF INFO:

HOME ARTS – Building 1 –  
Friday May 4, 3pm to 8pm  
Saturday May 5, 9am to 2pm

FINE ARTS – Building 1 –  
Friday May 4, 3pm to 8pm  
Saturday May 5, 9am to 2pm

### ENTRY PICK UP INFO:

HOME ARTS – Building 1 –Monday, May 21, 12noon to 6pm

FINE ARTS- Monday, May 21st, 12 pm – 6 pm in Building 2

## ENTRY FEES AND CATEGORIES:

Adult Home Arts Category-  
ENTRY FEE: \$ 2.00 per entry  
PREMIUMS PAID: 1<sup>st</sup> -\$7.00 2nd -\$5.00 3rd -\$3.00

Decorative Tole Painting:  
DIVISION 109: TOLE PAINTING  
Classes 1. Beginners 2. Intermediate 3. Advanced

FINE ARTS Category  
ENTRY FEE \$2.00 per entry  
No PREMIUMS PAID

Terms and Definitions: **Professional** - A Professional is defined as a person who engages in event or activity as a livelihood rather than a hobby.  
**Amateur** - An Amateur is defined as a person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession.

Professional and Amateur Fine Art

DIVISION 256: PROFESSIONAL  
DIVISION 257: AMATEUR

Classes for Division 256 - 257

1. Oil/Acrylic/Pastel
2. Aquamedia
3. Mixed Media
4. Graphics
5. Drawing
6. Sculpture
7. Pottery
8. Stained Glass
9. Poetry
10. Collage

PLEASE see the entire Exhibitor Booklet online at [www.contracostafair.com](http://www.contracostafair.com) for all rules and entry information.



## WAYS AND MEANS

Darlene Smith was the lucky winner of the St. Patrick's Day themed basket donated for the March drawing by Luci Flynn. The basket contained a table runner made by Luci, LED lights, a scarf, notebook, lemon lavender candle, silk flowers, a jar of threats, and a box all tucked into a basket. DJ West Davis has graciously volunteered to donate the April drawing prize.

*Jann*

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

No Board meeting was held at the March meeting.

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
March 10, 2018

Present: Darlene S., Merlene R., Karen V., Suzanne O., Roz B., Vivian R., Cathy McC., Marianne S., Jann O., Loretta M., Barbara B., Luci F., Connie O.

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Karen V. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter (Barbara B./Marianne S.).

Sandi Strecker Seminar – The reindeer project will be painted at the Plumbers' Hall on Sunday, September 16, 2018. A vote is needed to determine the project for Saturday, September 15, 2018 at First Lutheran Church. Only those members attending the seminar were asked to vote between the BELIEVE project and the HALLOWEEN project.

Connie O. brought in memory boxes to be painted and the leftover paint from the Karen Brouwer seminar. Karen also donated her sample piece which will be included in the bunco raffle.

Karen V. will pay the Post Office Box fee so that we may access it.

Marianne S. advised she has seven canvas tote bags to be painted for the Veteran's Hospital to use on wheelchairs. Karen V. also has some at home and Connie O. will look into getting additional ones.

Veterans' Hall – Merlene met with the Veterans regarding painting the men's bathroom and they selected the patriotic theme. Vivian R.'s son will help in painting the bathroom walls and members will be asked to paint items for the two walls. Merlene R. will determine a date for the painting and advise those who offered to help.

Las Vegas Convention – Jann O. and Cathy McC. brought in and shared projects they painted at the convention. One of the teachers, Valerie Stewart, does portraits and lives in El Dorado Hills. She will be teaching in Sacramento soon.

Special Drawing – Luci F. donated a St. Patrick's Day themed basket which was won by Darlene S.



The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am to a puffed paint project taught by Merlene R.



## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.



A very Happy Birthday to our April and May members- Jeanne, Karen and Connie. I missed all of

you and glad to be back home for a little while. We had a fantastic trip, saw a lot, learned so much and had some wonderful experiences such as kayaking for the first time.

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: Jann O, Suzanne O, Jan V and Carrie G  
Beverages: Cathy McC and Liz L  
Ice: Darlene S

Barbara



## TBT 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

April 17<sup>th</sup>- Tuesday Regular Meeting 7PM  
May 12<sup>th</sup>- Saturday Meeting 10AM-4PM  
June 19<sup>th</sup>- Regular Tuesday Meeting 7PM  
August 18<sup>th</sup>- Bunco Fundraiser, Plumbers Hall  
September 15 & 16- Sandi Strecker Seminar  
September 18<sup>th</sup>- Regular Tuesday Meeting 7PM  
October 16<sup>h</sup>- Regular Tuesday Meeting 7PM  
November 10<sup>th</sup>- Saturday Meeting 10AM-4PM



## TIPS, HINTS AND HELPS

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 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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	Non Member	5.00	25.00
1/4 Page	Member	7.50	37.50
	Non Member	10.00	50.00
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	Non Member	15.00	75.00
Full Page	Member	15.00	75.00
	Non Member	20.00	100.00

# REGISTRATION FORM- Sandi Strecker

"LIGHT UP CHRISTMAS " Reindeer

DATE: Sunday, September 16, 2018 at Plumber's Hall, 1308 Roman Way, Martinez, CA.

TIME: 9 am to 4pm

COST: \$45 class + \$29 wood and lights provided by Sandi=\$74. Sandi is offering the reindeer ornaments that match this for an additional \$10 that can be painted at the same time. The total would be \$84. Included in the price is a light breakfast, lunch, and the paint needed for the project in class.

Add \$5 extra (\$79 or \$89 with ornaments) for SDP members who are not members of Toll Bridge Tolars

Registration Deadline- June 30, 2018 (to allow Sandi to cut and send the piece to prep before the class). No refunds unless the class is cancelled. You may transfer your registration to another person if you need to cancel.

If you need to make two payments, send a deposit of \$20 with your registration and the remainder by June 1, 2018. Checks should be made out to Toll Bridge Tolars. Mail registration forms and checks to me (address in our TBT Membership book) or c/o TBT P.O. Box 2671 Martinez, CA 94553

Questions: Cathy McCaughey (925) 682-5311.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mark if you are also ordering the ornament set for \$10\_\_\_\_\_



# REGISTRATION FORM- Sandi Strecker

"LIGHT UP HALLOWEEN"

DATE: Saturday, September 15, 2018 at First Lutheran Church 4000 Concord Blvd, Concord

TIME: 9 am to 4pm

COST: \$45 class + \$32 wood and lights provided by Sandi, total = \$77. Included in the price is a light breakfast, lunch and the paint (and stencils) you will need for this project.

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# Alyssa's Sunflower Journal

Created and taught by Liz Little

(Paint will be available in class.)

## Paint: DecoArt Americana

Hauser Medium Green

Midnight Green

Olive Green

Antique Gold

Cadmium Yellow

Sunny Day

Cadmium Orange

Burnt Sienna

Bunt Umber

Dioxazine Purple

Warm White

## Brushes:

Liner

Round #4, #6

Filbert Brush #4, #6

3/8 Angle brush for floating

5/8 Angle Brush

Small brush (old) to pounce middle of flow

(I used a #6 Langnickel 5005 Royal Sable for pouncing)

Clear Glaze Medium

*I will have Folk Art Multi-Surface paint available if you decide to paint on other surfaces: glass, metal, rocks, etc. We will work the colors out in class.*

## Project Surface:

I painted on a leather bound 6" X 8", Flanders Black Journal from Amazon, \$15.64 + tax. If you want me to order one for you please let me know ahead of time, (not sure how much tax will be). You can also paint this design on any surface you want, the paint, pattern, pictures and instructions will be \$8.00.

## Supplies:

Normal Painting Supplies (palette paper, paper towels, water basin, favorite brushes, etc.)

Trace pattern on your surface with tracing paper. I have placed the lettering of Journal on your pattern in case you want to replace the upper top flower with the lettering or put it on the back of the Journal.

Thank you for painting with me!!

Please call or text me if you have any questions.

(925) 998-4217

Liz Little



Journal