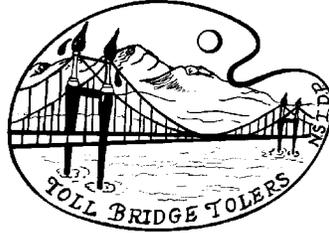


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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome 2018! It is so hard to believe that we are welcoming the new year already. The year and the holidays have whizzed by this year. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy themselves with their family and friends for the holidays. A big “thank you” to Cathy for giving us her time for two years to serve as our President. Her calm and caring ways are greatly appreciated and we as a Chapter are fortunate to have her! Thank you, Cathy!

We had a nice Christmas dinner to end the year that gave us an opportunity to relax and enjoy each other’s company. It is unfortunate that Cathy was sick and did not get to attend the Christmas dinner. Our thanks to Cathy for the cute Christmas cups filled with candy and the paint pens. Thanks to Jann Otvos and her committee for our beautiful Christmas decorations.

Looking forward in 2018, SDP will no longer be with the Craft and Hobby Association. We have seen dues raised in the past and we have lost members due to this. As a chapter we have all worked hard to keep a cohesive and active chapter over the years. I hope you will still remain committed to keeping our chapter active and hopefully we can all try and recruit new members to join us.

In 2018, we have a couple of seminars already scheduled; Karen Brouwer – February 10, 2018 and Sandi Strecker –

September 15-16, 2018. Please consider signing up for these seminars.

Liz Doran has made a remarkable recovery so far from her stroke. She was moved on December 23<sup>rd</sup> to Oregon to stay with her son Doug. If you would like to send her a card of encouragement you can send them to: 133 Shirley Street, Molalla, OR 97038. Thank you to Luci for being by her side and keeping the rest of us updated. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a complete recovery.

Wishing you and your family a safe and Happy New Year.

*Connie*



## PROGRAMS 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Happy New Year to All! Hard to believe 2017 is over but I’m looking forward to a great 2018! Our December dinner at Mangia Bene Restaurant was a great way to end 2017. As I looked around at all the members attending there were big smiles on everyone’s faces! As usual the ornament exchange was fabulous and a big Thank You to Jann and her committee for the wonderful Angel candy dishes and center pieces. We have

so many talented painters and it's always nice to see what everyone has painted. Check out the website for pictures of the dinner.

We have an exciting year planned so please try to attend as many meetings as possible.

Our January meeting will be a Gail Anderson pattern painted on the shade of a darling oil lantern taught by Shirley Irwin. Shirley is supplying the lantern, paint, pattern, and instructions. The cost is \$13.00 Please bring your usual painting supplies including a Deerfoot or stipple brush. Looking forward to a good turn out!



Marianne



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

Our membership is down a little bit from last year. Lucille and Liz D. have moved to Oregon and we just lost a sweet member, Lisette Jones this past week. She was not able to come to many meetings, but she always helped out at our annual bunko event. We will miss her very much. It is never too late to send in your chapter membership if you have not had a chance to do that or ask someone new to join the chapter. 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

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

There are 10 spots left for the Karen Brouwer seminar on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 10am-4pm. The registration form is at the back of the newsletter. The cutoff date for signups is January 17<sup>th</sup> because Karen is bringing the pieces from Australia (she is coming to the US at the end of January). The seminar is at the First Lutheran Church. A volunteer (s) is needed for the food committee for the seminar.

Sandi Strecker seminars are in September 2018 and members will be voting on which two projects we will be painting at the January meeting.

Cathy



## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

I did not hand out any awards at the Installation Dinner. Please let me know if you would like to recognize a member who has gone the extra mile for our chapter.

Shirley I.

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL CRAB FEED



The annual First Lutheran Church and Preschool crab feed is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2018. As usual, any donated raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. They are always well received and contribute greatly to this annual fundraiser. Please get any donations to me no later than our January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have any questions, please call or email Darlene S.

Darlene S.

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

There were no meetings held in December due to our Annual Installation Dinner.



## 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.



Let's all wish (Jan.) Jo, Loretta; and (Feb.) Roz, Teri, Lucille, Shirley and Holley a very Happy Birthday!

We would like to send our our deepest condolences to Roz Borgerson for the loss of her husband Roger, to Merlene and Tamara who just lost their Mothers. Also, Karen was just informed that Lisette passed away unexpectedly recently. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

Liz Doran was released from Kaiser in Vallejo and went to live in Oregon with her son Doug and daughter in law Donna. They placed her in a board and care facility temporarily. She will be living with Doug and Donna when they get her room all set up.

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: Darlene S (she will be sharing a new recipe)

I need volunteers to bring more snacks, beverages and Ice. I will be out of town until Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> so please call or email me if you would like to sign up. Thanks.

Barbara B.



## TBT 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

Karen Brouwer Seminar- February 10, 2018  
Sandi Strecker Seminar- September 15-16, 2018

The meeting dates are at the end of the newsletter so you can post it on your refrigerator for future reference.



## TIPS, HINTS AND HELPS

This month's tip comes from Shirley.

Hair spray will get rid of paint on your clothes, even old dried in paint. Just spray hair spray on the paint and let sit. Scrub the spot with a brush or rub it together with your hands. Throw it in the wash and the paint should be gone! Thank you, Shirley!

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.

		Monthly	Yearly
Business card	Member	\$ 4.00	20.00
	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
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	Non Member	20.00	100.00

## 2018 TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS' MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2018 meetings will be on the third Tuesday or the second Saturday of each month as follows:

### Tuesday Meetings (7:00 to 9:00 pm)

January 16, 2018  
February 20, 2018  
April 17, 2018  
June 19, 2018  
September 18, 2018  
October 16, 2018

### Saturday Meetings (10:00 am to 4:00 pm)

March 10, 2018  
May 12, 2018  
November 10, 2018

There are no meetings at First Lutheran Church in July (BBQ), August (Bunco) and December (Holiday Dinner).

BBQ at Loretta's – Date to be determined

Bunco – August 18, 2018 – Plumbers' Hall, Martinez

### Seminars:

Karen Brouwer – February 10, 2018 at First Lutheran Church  
Sandi Strecker – September 15, 2018 at First Lutheran Church  
September 16, 2018 at Plumbers' Hall, Martinez



# 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](http://www.decorativepainters.org)

**Current SDP** membership card or **SDP** E-mail must accompany this application form and return to:

**Toll Bridge Tolars  
P. O. Box 2671  
Martinez, Ca. 94553**

Date received \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

**OK to publish: Yes or NO**

# REGISTRATION FORM- KAREN BROUWER

## 3 D Laser cut “Reeds and Dragonflies” with Pearl Inlay

**DATE:** Saturday February 10, 2018 at the First Lutheran Church, our regular room

**TIME:** 10 am to 4pm

**COST:** \$55- includes the surface (3D Laser cut and Pearl), paints and lunch provided

\$60 for SDP members who are not members of Toll Bridge Tolars

Registration Deadline- January 17<sup>th</sup> (as these are pre-cut and coming from Australia the end of January). No refunds unless the class is cancelled. You may transfer your registration to another person if you need to cancel. There is a cutoff of 22 participants due to the limited size of the room.

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

