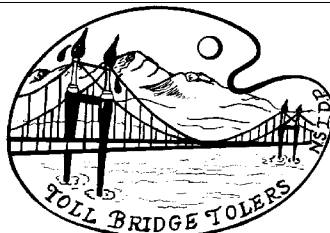


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a wonderful Chapter meeting in May. It was nice to see the great turnout we had to paint Liz L.'s own design; "Alyssa's Sunflower Journal." Everyone's turned out beautiful. Thank you, Liz, for sharing your design with us and giving us such a fun painting day at our meeting.

This month in June, Marianne will be teaching her cute little owls painted on rocks. Bring your brushes and come have more fun this month creating your own little wise owls.



We have not selected our charities for this year. Please bring background information on the charity that you would like to nominate to our meeting this month. If you are unable to attend our meeting in

June, please send me your charity information and I will share it with the members.

I have heard in passing that members would prefer to do our annual ornament exchange at our November meeting and not at the Christmas Dinner. Comments are that members can't see the ornaments or hear who has painted them. Please give this some thought as I will be asking you to vote on your preference for this event at our June meeting.

Connie



PROGRAMS

1st Vice President

A big "Thank You" to Liz L. for teaching her beautiful sunflower design at our May chapter meeting. Liz was pleased with the turnout and said there were a variety of surfaces and most people finished their pieces. Thanks to all who attended our second Saturday meeting!

June's project is rock painting. The cost of the project will be \$2.00 and includes the rocks, paint and

some embellishments. Please bring your regular painting supplies and some small **old** brushes including a filbert, shader and liner brush.

Looking forward to seeing everyone for this fun easy project.

Marianne



MEMBERSHIP 2nd Vice President

A big welcome to Bonnie Schwartz as our newest member! When you see her, please make sure to give her a warm welcome to our 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. 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 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

Signups for the Sandi Strecker Seminars "Light up Halloween" on Saturday, September 15th and "Light up Christmas on Sunday, September 16th at the Plumbers' Hall in Martinez, are attached. So far, we have 14 people signed up for Saturday and 21 people signed up for Sunday.

The deadline for signups is June 30th so that we can place our order for the wood pieces and receive and distribute them in time for the seminars in mid-September. You can mail the registration and any balance due to my home address (found in your handbook) or to P.O. Box 2671 Martinez, CA 94553. The due date for remaining balances is also June 30th as we will be sending Sandi a check for the wood pieces. I will be contacting you if you have a remaining balance.

Please note for those members signed up for the "Light Up Halloween" project on Saturday 9/15, the venue has been changed from the First Lutheran Church to the Plumber's Hall, so both

projects will be taught at the Plumbers' Hall. A big thank you to Liz Little for arranging this.

Think about who you would like to have come teach a seminar in 2019. We have our Ornament Frenzy planned for September/October but can try to schedule another seminar for that year.

Cathy

ANNUAL BUNKO FUNDRAISER



Bunko will be on Saturday, August 18th. Circle the date on your calendar for Flamingo fun, food, and fandango-ing around the Bunko tables. I have made up a flyer to pass out to your friends and family to invite them to our event. Please remember to get your tickets from Karen.

We have received some very nice raffle donations so far and want to thank all of you who have made donations. Please remember to attach a Bunko Donation sheet to your donations. You can find the donation sheet on our website. This helps us to know who donated the items and their approximate value. We try really hard to make the raffle baskets equal in value and appreciate your help with this.

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.

Connie and Karen



WAYS AND MEANS

Roz Borgerson was the lucky winner of the May special drawing basket of goodies donated by Shirley Irwin. Barbara Bouchet has graciously volunteered to donate the May drawing prize.

Jann





VETERANS BUILDING MENS BATHROOM REMODEL

It is finished and looks great! Thanks to everyone who stepped up to the plate and contributed. Special thanks to Jay O. who did all the measuring and drilling for the installation. Vivian and Jeff painted the walls. Jann contributed wood pieces. Painters of individual projects were: Jann, Luci, Trish, Karen, Liz, Shirley, Marianne, Barbara and Darlene. I hope I didn't forget anyone. Thanks so much. You all made my job easy. We deserve a pat on the back!

Merlene



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Several awards were handed out at the May meeting. The members who received their awards were:
Jann V.- Donating dessert for the Karen Brouwer Seminar
Trish- For her donation to the church raffle
Merlene- For her donation of food at the Karen Brouwer Seminar
Barbara B.-For her donation to the church raffle
Liz L.- For re-painting the hospital mural and for her donation of the Special drawing in September 2017.
Jeanie- For her donation to the church raffle.

Thank you everyone for all you continued support of our chapter.

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

No Board meeting was held at the May meeting.
(Editor's Note)

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
May 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Connie O. with a quorum present. The

minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed (Barbara B./Trish B.).

Bunco – The Bunco fundraiser is August 18, 2018 and Karen V. has tickets available for sale.

Charity Nominations – Connie requested nominations. Three were suggested and additional information was requested for the June meeting: Kaleidoscope – Lisa S.; All About Hope - Trish B.; Community Concern 4 Cats – Darlene S.

Seminars – Connie reported Cathy McC. has 9 reservations for Sandi Strecker's Halloween project in September and 16 for the Christmas project. The deadline for sign-ups is June 30. Liz L. advised the Plumbers' Hall is available for both Saturday and Sunday at no additional cost and it was agreed to hold the seminar there. Vivian R. is in charge of the food and is asking for helpers. Trish will send out an email request or contact Vivian directly.

Awards and Recognition - Shirley I. presented awards to Jan V., Trish B., Darlene S., Merlene R., Barbara B., Liz L. (2) and Jeanie S.

Special Drawing – The prize from Shirley I. consisted of a metal bird house, assorted teas and patterns and was won by Roz B.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 am to a sunflower project taught by Liz L.



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.



TBT 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

June 19th- Regular Tuesday Meeting 7PM
 July 21st- BBQ at Loretta and Roberts house
 August 18th- Bunco Fundraiser, Plumbers Hall
 September 15 & 16- Sandi Strecker Seminar
 September 18th- Regular Tuesday Meeting 7PM
 October 16^h- Regular Tuesday Meeting 7PM
 November 10th- Saturday Meeting 10AM-4PM
 December 18th- Christmas Dinner Mangia Bene Martinez



June

Merlene R	June 07
Darlene S	June 25
Agnes K-D	June 26

July

Liz L	July 01
Cathy M	July 04
Carrie G	July 29

Happy Birthday to everyone!

Holley Y.



HOSPITALITY

June 19th TBT meeting:

Snacks: Shirley, Marianne, Connie, and Carrie
 Beverages: Darlene and Karen
 Ice: Cathy

Thanks everyone!
Barbara



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.

Shirley shared a couple of tips this month. She says if you have dried acrylic paint on your clothing, spray it with some hairspray, scrub it a little bit and launder like usual. Should come right out! Her other tip is if you are working with snowtex, and you don't want it on a certain spot, cover the spot with a post-it note. Dab on your snow, lift off your post-it. Also works for paint. Thank you, Shirley for these great shortcuts.

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.

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 30, 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 Plumber’s Hall, 1308 Roman Way, Martinez, CA.

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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FLAMINGO FANDANGO



Toll Bridge Tolars Annual Bunko
Charity Fundraiser

Saturday, August 18, 2018

Plumbers Hall, 1308 Roman Way
Martinez, CA 94553

TICKETS:

\$25.00, includes lunch, drinks and dessert; tons of
Wonderful raffle prizes.

Invite your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors for
a fun filled afternoon of laughs and great raffle prizes.

Contact for tickets: _____
(Toll Bridge Tolars Member) (Phone)