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PROGRAMS 1st Vice President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

March has arrived with cold weather and some much needed rain. I can't believe how fast the first two months of this year have gone. March 10th will be our first Saturday meeting of year.

I'm looking forward to our project for this month. Many of you have requested to learn how to do the puff paint shirts that Merlene does. Lucky for us she has agreed to teach this technique at our meeting. Bring your shirt, apron, any type of fabric bag or whatever fabric piece you want to design.

We had a wonderful seminar with Karen Brouwer in February. I'm sorry I was not at the chapter meeting. If any of you who took the class need any of the paints to finish your project, I will bring them to the next meeting. Please bring your paint pots to get the paint you need.

I was looking at the SDP website recently and came across the discounts we receive with our SDP Membership. For your convenience I have attached them to the end of the newsletter.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Connie

Although we only had a very small attendance at the meeting, most members stayed to paint Carrie's "Sunflower and Strawberry Hearts Candy Cone" project. Thank You Carrie for a fun project and I'm sure everyone enjoyed the candy you provided with your packet to fill their candy cone.



Our March meeting will be "Puff Paint on Fabric" taught by Merlene R. on Saturday, March 10th from 10:00 until 3:00. Please bring your own lunch. If you would like to bring a snack to share, that would be ok as well. Please see Merlene's notes below for the cost of the project and what you need to bring.



(Just a few examples)

Puff paint on Fabric

Cost: \$5 (includes 1 bottle of puff paint, fabric paint, glitter, and instructions)

Rhinestones are an additional 10 cents each

Things to Bring

Bring your own t-Shirt, sweatshirt, apron or other.

(More than one is OK)

Palette knife (off-set metal is best—**not** small)

Palette paper (or any smooth palette)

Lots of paper towels

Board

Camera

** If you bring any of your own supplies, make sure they are clearly labeled!

Hope everyone can attend. It would be great if we had a big turnout!

Marianne



MEMBERSHIP
2nd Vice President

We have wonderful projects this year and would love to have new members enjoy them with us. Invite a friend to join us for one of our meetings or events. They can join the National Society with a Trial Membership. The TBT Handbook – version 2 was handed out at the February meeting. Please let me know if you would like the handbook mailed to you via snail mail. I will only mail it out if requested to save money on postage.

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

Updates on the Sandi Strecker Seminar coming up In September 2018. The first choice selection for Sunday, September 16th is “Light Up Christmas” with the reindeers and lights. We will be ordering the wood and lights from Sandi as parts of it need to be laser cut. The piece is 17”x 9”. The wood and lights will cost \$29. For an additional \$10 you can order the 4 reindeer ornaments that you can paint at the same time as you paint the piece. If you order the ornaments in addition to the painted piece your cost will be \$39.00

The choice for Saturday, September 15th is a tie because a member who voted for “Believe” can no longer attend the seminar so there is a tie between two pieces: #1- “Believe” is 30” x 7” and the cost for the wood is \$45.00 and is composed of 3 free standing separate pieces of wood and #2- “Light up Halloween” which is 14” x14” which includes the wood and lights for \$32.00. So, we need to vote again for one of the two choices for our Saturday seminar. Only **vote** if you are a chapter member and if you seriously plan on attending the seminar based on the cost and project. **Send your vote to our email address at www.tollbridgetolers.org** in the next two weeks so I can make up the flyers. I will send them out by email blast. Robert Simpson said he can cut the Believe project out (minimum of 10 sign ups), but that will be for wood only and does not include the lights for \$25.00

Merlene double checked and helped me to figure out costs for attending each seminar day. This is a big brush and an expensive seminar based on the projects we voted on (which were the more expensive projects). We subtracted using the funds we received from NCCC and the profit from our Karen Brouwer seminar (remember we did not have

to pay Karen for food, lodging, transportation to teach the seminar or postage for shipping things) and the cost per day for the Strecker seminars will be \$45.00.

Here is the picture of the first piece that was chosen (Light up Christmas) --



These are the projects we will be re-voting on at our March meeting- "Believe"



OR "Light up Halloween"



The cost for Chapter members (if we order the wood from Sandi) will be:

Saturday September 15, 2018

Believe \$45.00 plus registration \$45.00 = \$90.00 or

Light up Halloween \$32.00 (wood and lights) plus registration \$45.00= \$77.00

Sunday September 16, 2018

Light Up Christmas \$29.00 (wood and lights we will be ordering from Sandi) plus registration \$45.00=\$74.00. If you add the 4 ornaments=\$84.00

Any questions please feel free to call or email me.

Cathy



WAYS AND MEANS

Loretta M. was the lucky winner of a \$20.00 Hobby Lobby gift card tucked into a cheerful coffee cup complete with coordinating note pad and pencil donated for the February drawing by Karen V. Luci F. has graciously volunteered to donate the March drawing prize.

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

No Board meeting was conducted at the February 20, 2018 meeting.

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
February 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by 2nd Vice President Karen V. with a quorum present. The minutes of the November 21, 2017 meeting were approved as published in the December 2017 newsletter and the minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting were approved as published in the February 2018 newsletter (Barbara B./Carrie G.).

Treasurer's Report – Jann O. had the report available for review.

2018 Handbook (Version 2) – Karen V. passed out the Handbook and asked to be notified of any corrections needed.

Membership – Karen V. advised two members have not submitted their SDP National dues as required and she will follow-up with those individuals.

Seminars – Cathy McC. reported we had previously approved two projects for the Sandi Strecker seminar

in September. Jann O. is unable to attend and was the deciding vote on the second project. It was agreed to take another vote at the March meeting to determine the final selection. Cathy noted we received \$582 from the disbandment of NCCC and asked if we should use it to offset the cost of the Sandi Strecker seminar. It was moved, seconded and approved (Loretta M./Marianne S.) to use the money to offset the seminar cost with guests to pay the full fee. Trish B. will email photos and costs to members.

Veterans' Bathroom Project – Merlene R. advised she, Jann O. and Suzanne O. will be painting the walls in the bathroom in March. Members will be asked to paint pictures to hang on the walls and topics included transportation, fishing and Americana. She is meeting with the Veterans to present our suggestions and will see what they prefer and will bring their preference to the March meeting. The cost of this project will come from our Community Service budget.

Mural Plaque – Liz L. has been exploring the cost and wording for this plaque to be attached to the mural we painted on the wall of the Regional Medical Center in Martinez in 2003 and updated in 2017. It was suggested putting the plaque on vinyl and Trish B. offered to bring a prototype on cardboard to the March meeting.

Thank You Note – Jann O. brought the written thank you from her daughter-in-law for our donations for her loss in the North Bay fires. Jann noted the family is moving to a new home in Ukiah.

Hospitality – Barbara B. circulated the Hospitality book. We are to bring our own lunch to the March meeting on Saturday, March 10, 2018 for Merlene's puffed paint project. Sample pictures will be in the newsletter.

County Fair – The fair will be held May 18-20, 2018 with entry applications due in April. Discussion followed on whether we should do children's classes again and it was felt that it was basically free babysitting for the parents and we could just demonstrate painting instead. This will be brought up at the March meeting for a final decision.

Newsletter Note – Trish advised she put a note in the February newsletter to see if anyone is reading it, asking to be emailed if someone did find the note. Jann O. was presented with a gift as the first responder and Luci F. will also receive a gift.

Special Drawing – The prize was a \$20 Hobby Lobby gift card in a cup provided by Karen V. It was won by Loretta M.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm to a program taught by Carrie G.



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.**

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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.

Wishing the happiest of birthdays to our March members- Jan V., Jann O., Rose Marie R., Wendy O., Debbie T. and Vivian R. And Happy Birthday to all the April members- Jeanne P. and Karen V. Hope you all have a wonderful day.

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

March 10th is a Saturday meeting and everyone is to bring their own lunch. I'll have some cold Soda or water for your beverages. If you would like to bring a goodie to share, we would all love that!

Barbara B.



TBT 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

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

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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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