

# The Painting



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# Connection

A Monthly Newsletter  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a great time we had at our meeting in April. Trish taught us to make fairy light jars and they all came out adorable. It took a little bit to get the hang of putting the items in the jar, but once you did they started taking shape and came out very nice. If you didn't get to join us, you missed a fun meeting.

We have not selected our charities for this year. Please bring background information on the charity that you would like to nominate to our Saturday meeting this month. If you are unable to attend our meeting in May, please send me your charity information and I will share it with the members.

We discussed where to have our Christmas Dinner this year and the Chapter voted to have it at Mangia Bene again. Our dinner will be on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual BBQ in August will be held at Loretta and Robert's home on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. We have checked the raceway schedule for the dates we had available for the BBQ this year and there are races scheduled on all the dates available. Please remember to leave time in your schedule for the traffic going to the raceway.

Our meeting this month will be on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Liz Little will be teaching her own sunflower design. She designed it for her granddaughter and is sharing it with us. The instructions and pattern are in the back of this newsletter, please print them out and bring them with the surface you plan to paint it on. Please bring your own lunch and come share the day with your friends and have fun painting.

Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day. Since I have just returned from going to Washington, DC with Alexis for her 8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC trip this day feels all that more important. We were fortunate enough to be at the Unknown Soldiers tomb when they were doing the changing of the guards. This is very impressive if you have never seen it. Alexis' class was able to lay the next wreath for the unknown soldiers during the changing of the guards. As we walked into the area that day, four BlueStar buses had pulled up. They were unloading four busloads of veterans who had served their country to keep us free and were unable due to health or finances to come to the Arlington Cemetery on their own so the BlueStar organization had brought them. As they were being pushed in their wheelchairs to the ceremony the children in Alexis' class one by one started going down through the line of veterans shaking their hands and telling them thank you for their service to our country. By the time we got to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers there was not a dry eye in our group. It was a very emotionally draining day, but an extremely important

lesson on what sacrifices those in the military have made for us. The education these children received that day could not have come from a text book and touched them deeply. So, as we approach what to some is just another holiday on Memorial Day, I challenge you to take time on Memorial Day to reflect on the sacrifices that have been made for us and our country by our family, friends and military personnel. Remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us!

Wondering what the BlueStar organization was I looked them up on the web and found this: BlueStar is owned and run by veterans. We are certified by the Veterans Administration (VA) as a Service-Disabled-Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB). BlueStar is owned and operated by veterans. The CEO and COO are retired two-star admirals.

Wishing you all a safe Memorial Day!

Connie



## PROGRAMS

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

April's meeting was so much fun thanks to Trish B. and her Fairy Mason jars. Trish made sure there were plenty of items to decorate our Fairy jars with including various cardstock silhouette cut outs, twine, raffia, flowers and charms. Thanks Trish!!!!!! Our May meeting is on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 4:00 so be sure to mark your calendar. You don't want to miss this one as Liz Little will be teaching one of her own designs. The cost will be \$8.00. The prep Instructions, painting supplies needed, 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. Please bring your bag lunch and if you want to bring a dessert to share that would be great!

Marianne



## MEMBERSHIP

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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

Signups for the Sandi Strecker Seminars "Light up Halloween" (Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> at the First Lutheran Church) and "Light up Christmas (Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Plumbers' Hall in Martinez) are attached. So far, we have 8 people signed up for Saturday and 14 people signed up for Sunday.

The deadline for signups is June 30<sup>th</sup>. I will not be at the May meeting, so you can mail me your registration and down payment to my home address (in our membership book) or to the TBT mailbox P.O. Box 2671 Martinez, CA 94553.

A member pointed out that Sandi will be teaching "Light up Christmas" at Hoot this year at a comparable price to what the chapter is charging for her seminar with us, but you do not have to pay the Conference registration fee, airfare, hotel, etc. so I hope this encourages you to sign up for her seminar.

"Light Up Christmas"



"Light Up Halloween"



*Cathy*

## ANNUAL BUNKO FUNDRAISER



This year Bunko will be on Saturday, August 18<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*



## WAYS AND MEANS

DJ West Davis planted and donated a beautiful succulent garden complete with fairy house and footbridge for our April meeting's special drawing. Suzanne Olsen was the lucky winner. Shirley Irwin has graciously volunteered to donate the May drawing prize.

*Jann*



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Happy Spring Dear Painters! Thank you for the beautiful memory boxes. We are building up a supply again, so we have plenty when the hospital calls for help again. Merlene and her crew are busy working on the men's restroom at the Martinez Veterans Club. Thank you everyone. All of you are very special.  
Happy Painting

*Roz*

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIR

The fair is here. The fair is May 17-21 at the Antioch Fairgrounds. If you have a chance to go, please check out the Home Arts display with submissions for the decorative arts. There are sure to be some fabulous entries.

*Karen and Luci*

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
April 17, 2018

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 pm by President Connie O. The agenda for the General meeting to follow was finalized. SDP mailed blank membership cards to the Chapter with a list of current members and asked that the cards be completed and given to the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
April 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 pm by President Connie O. with a quorum present. The minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in the April newsletter (Marianne S./Karen V.)

President's Report – Connie O. clarified that the Bunco fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 2018. Tickets are available from Karen V.

Members were asked to bring nominations for our annual charity donations to the May meeting. It was unanimously agreed to once again hold our December Christmas dinner at Mangia Bene in Martinez.

Seminars – Cathy McC. showed a sample of the ornaments available to paint at the Sandi Strecker seminar in September. She advised several members have registered for the seminar and noted the final payment is due by the end of June. All surfaces, lights, etc. will be provided by Sandi Strecker.

County Hospital Plaque – Liz L. showed the vinyl sample plaque crafted by Trish B. and it was unanimously agreed to attach it to the mural painted by TBT members in 2003 and updated in 2017.

A thank you note was received from Jan V.'s family thanking us for our donations following the North Bay fire.

Historian – Loretta M. asked if it was necessary to continue scrapbooking items for the Chapter as the scrapbooks are rarely reviewed. Trish B. suggested scanning the materials into our Facebook page instead and keep the information electronically. Discussion followed and it was agreed to stop doing the scrapbooks and use Facebook. SDP requirements will be explored and Loretta will check on how much we can put on the website. Beginning this year, Loretta will send the information to Trish to put on Facebook and this will be revisited at the May meeting.

Community Project – Merlene R. brought several surfaces to be painted for the Veteran's Hall men's bathroom in Martinez. Vivian R. and her husband will paint the walls and the completed items were requested before Memorial Day in May.

Free wood pieces were brought by Shirley I.

Bunco – Karen has the Bunco tickets for sale at \$25 per person and raffle items were requested.

BBQ – The annual BBQ will be held at Loretta's home on Saturday, July 21, 2018.

Several members wore the beautiful puffed paint shirts they painted at the March meeting taught by Merlene.

Programs – Marianne S. displayed the painted journal project Liz L. will be teaching at the Saturday, May 12th, meeting. The journals are available on Amazon or a surface of choice may be brought to paint this original design. Members were asked to bring their own lunch and drinks and a dessert to

share if they wish. The meeting is from 10 am to 4 pm.

Hospitality – Barbara B. circulated the Hospitality book for June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting sign-ups.

Special Drawing – The prize was a fairy garden with succulents prepared by D.J.W. from her garden. The winner was Suzanne O.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm to a fairy jar project taught by Trish B.



## 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).

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**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.



## TBT 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

May 12<sup>th</sup> - Saturday Meeting 10AM-4PM  
 June 19<sup>th</sup> - Regular Tuesday Meeting 7PM  
 July 21<sup>st</sup> - BBQ at Loretta and Roberts house  
 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  
 December 19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner Mangia Bene Martinez

Happy Birthday to Connie who celebrates her birthday this month. Happy Birthday to Merlene, Darlene and Agnes who celebrate their special day in June.

Have a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY eat all the cake and ice cream to your hearts desire.

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

Our May meeting on the 12th is a Saturday, so bring your lunch and if you would like, a snack to share. We will have water and some sodas, if you want something different, please bring it. Sounds like a fun meeting.

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.

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
1/2 Page	Member	10.00	50.00
	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.

Add \$5 extra 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.

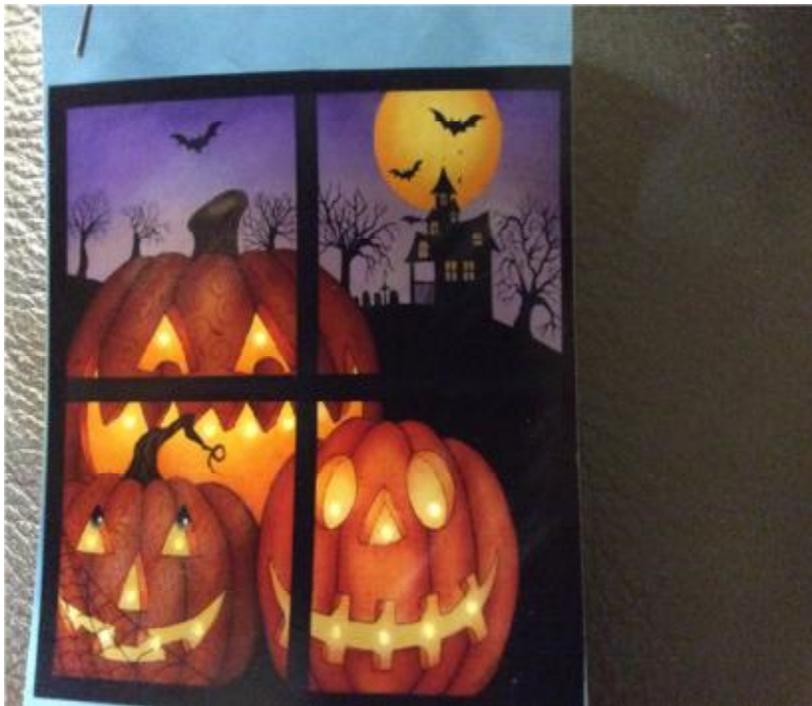
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# Alyssa's Sunflower Journal

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  
Burnt 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 flower  
(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