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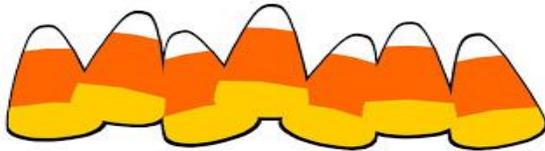
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm having a hard time believing we are now into October. This year has simply raced by!

We had a wonderful seminar with Sandi Strecker for two days and painted two very fun projects. We had fun painting, good food (thanks Cathy and Vivian!) and a good time socializing with each other.

At our September meeting Cathy taught a fun Dream Catcher card. We all struggled for a bit on getting how to wrap the cord on the card, but eventually all succeeded and went home with a finished card. Thanks Cathy for teaching us a fun project!

There has been some rumbling about members wanting the Christmas Ornament exchange to go back to November. It was discussed, and a vote taken. The majority of the members would like it to stay in December but would like to make sure the ornaments are passed around so that everyone can see them.

This month Luci will be teaching a small gourd project. It looks like fun. Bring your painting supplies and join us to make a cute fall project to add to your decorations.

The planning meeting for 2019 has been scheduled. We will meet at the Church on Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. to discuss our events for 2019. Everyone is invited to attend.

Happy Fall!

Connie



PROGRAMS

1st Vice President

Our **September** program was a wonderful "Dream Catcher Card" taught by Cathy M. It was such a fun program, and everyone had a great time and walked out of the meeting with a completed card. Thank you, Cathy!

I've been looking forward to our **October** Halloween program taught by Luci F. Luci will be teaching us how to paint a Halloween Pumpkin Gourd. Lucy will be supplying the Gourd and some embellishments (beads, raffia, wire, etc.). The cost of this project will

be \$2.00. Please bring your regular painting supplies and a variety of orange, green and brown paints for your pumpkins. Luci will have some paint as well and extra gourds if you would like to purchase more.



Our last Saturday meeting of 2018 will be **November 10th** at our regular meeting place. We will be painting canvas bags for Veterans. Please bring any patterns you have, to paint on the bags such as Patriotic, Animals (eagles or other birds or wildlife) Fishing, or anything masculine. Bring any fabric paints for yourself and to share. If you don't have fabric paints, you can bring acrylics and I'll have Fabric Adhesion medium for you to use.

We also want to fill the bags with various daily essentials. Here's a suggested list:

- Toothbrush/paste
 - Mouthwash (must not contain alcohol)
 - Deodorant
 - Small packs of Kleenex
 - Soap
 - Regular or slipper socks
 - Pencils
 - Crossword puzzle books, Search A Word
 - New or gently used paper backs (**NO** books about war, violence or politics)
- The Dollar Tree is a great place to pick up these items.

Some of you told me that you still have the bags we painted for the Battered Women's shelter last year. Please bring those to the October or November meeting as we could use those for the female veterans.

We are a very generous group so thank you in advance for your participation.

Hope to see everyone there!

Marianne



MEMBERSHIP 2nd 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. 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.



WAYS AND MEANS

The Special drawing was a beautiful fleece sunflower quilt and pumpkin plaque donated by Vivian R. Connie was lucky winner. Congratulations Connie. Cathy McC. Has volunteered to donate the October drawing. Thank you, Cathy.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

October is Decorative Painting Month and TBT has a display in the Concord Main Library on Salvio Street that displays painted pieces by our members and explains about our chapter, our Memory Box Project, and what decorative painting is. If you are in the area during this month, please stop by to check out the display.

Cathy and Suzanne

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

No Board meeting was held.
(Editor's note)

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
September 18, 2018

(There was no Board meeting.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by President Connie O. with a quorum present. The minutes of the May, June and July meetings were approved (Karen V. /Loretta M.)

President's Report - By majority vote, the Christmas ornament exchange will continue to be held at the December Christmas dinner. There will not be a Halloween ornament exchange this year as members were prepping for the Sandi Strecker seminar. Photos of the seminar are posted on our Facebook page and website.

Awards and Recognition – Shirley I. presented awards to Karen V., Cathy McC. (2), Luci F., Marianne S., Darlene S., Trish B. and Barbara B.

1st Vice President (Programs) – Marianne S. reported we will be painting wheelchair bags for the veterans at our Saturday, November 10th meeting. Members were asked to bring patterns to the meeting. Luci F. advised she will be teaching gourds for the October project. Information will be in the October newsletter.

2019 Planning Meeting – The meeting will be held on Sunday, November 4th from 1:30 to 4:00 pm at First Lutheran Church.

Community Service – Roz B. indicated she is looking for other places to get the memory boxes and will check with Hobby Lobby as Beverly's has closed.

Decorative Painting Month – Donations were requested for the Concord Library display beginning October 1, 2018.

Hospitality – Barbara B. circulated the Hospitality book for the next meeting.

Bunco – Everyone did a great job organizing the Bunco fundraiser this year and there were over 100 raffle prizes. Connie O. reported a gift card raffle prize disappeared and the person who won was repaid. A different process will be instituted next year so that doesn't happen again. About \$1,700 was raised from the raffle and expenses will be taken from ticket sales.

Special Drawing – A sunflower quilt and pumpkin plaque were donated by Vivian R. and won by Connie O.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm to a dream catcher card project taught by Cathy McC.



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.

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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.



Sunshine



Happy Birthday to all of our October members- Judy H., Kathy G., and Bonnie S.

Also celebrating their birthdays in November are- Genie M., Liz D., Valerie P., Lisa S., Luci F., Trish B. and Sue P.

Hope you all have a wonderful special day celebrating YOU!

Holley Y.



HOSPITALITY

Snacks: Carrie G, Roz B, and Trish B
Beverages: Loretta M and Karen V.
Ice: Cathy M

Thanks everyone for making this a pleasure.

Barbara B.



TBT 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

October 16th - Regular meeting 7PM
November 4th - TBT Planning meeting 1:30pm-4PM
November 10th - Saturday Meeting 10AM-4PM
December 18th - Installation dinner Mangia Bene



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.