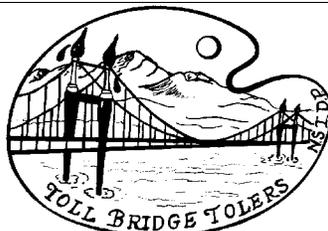


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a lovely BBQ at Loretta and Robert M.'s home on July 21st. The weather was pleasant, the food was great, and it was a fun relaxing day visiting with friends. Thank you, Jeanie, for bringing your wonderful garden veggies to share with all of us. A big thank you to Loretta and Robert for opening your home to us.

I hope you all have had a fun Summer and took some wonderful vacations. I'm having a hard time believing it is September already. This month Cathy M. will be teaching our project. It looks like a fun project and I hope you can join us at the meeting.

Wishing you all a safe and Happy Labor Day!

Connie



PROGRAMS

1st Vice President

Our September program is going to be a Dream Catcher Card taught by Cathy M. It's going to be a

fun program!

The cost of the project will be \$1.25. This class is for everyone even if you have never scrapped before. Cathy has done all the prework of embossing and die cutting. All the participant has to do is sponge some ink on pieces of paper, string some beads on a hemp thread (no needle necessary) and follow the directions to wrap, and glue everything together.



Supplies are as follows:

Everyone can bring a small pair of sharp scissors. Cathy will bring all the supplies. You will need to share, but if you scrap and have the following supplies it would be great if you bring:

- Liquid adhesive that dries clear and holds well (I like Art Glitter)
- Two daubers or sponges to apply ink
- One light or medium blue ink
- One light or medium brown
- Dimensional (pop up, or foam tape)
- Small glue dots

Looking forward to this project, I hope everyone can make it.

Marianne



MEMBERSHIP 2nd Vice President

It is that time again to renew our annual national and chapter dues. Hopefully you renewed your national dues by August 31st and were able to take advantage of the free patterns the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP) was offering. The projects look very nice. You should have been sent emails in July and August from SDP with the information.

The 2019 National annual dues are \$60. The SDP application came with your magazine that you just received. The Society of Decorative Painters dues needs to be paid directly to the Society. You can use the application they sent you and mail it in or you can renew your SDP dues on line through their website. You can submit payment on their website at www.decorativepainters.org/renew or mail it in with a form included with your magazine or you have the option to call them at (316) 269-9300 and speak with a staff member and pay with your credit card. The chapter dues are the same low price of \$15 for 2019. You can access the chapter Membership Application form on our website at www.tollbridgetolers.org. You can turn in or mail the form and check. Mail should be sent to Toll Bridge Tolers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553 or bring it to me at our next meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance.

Karen V.

ANNUAL BUNKO FUNDRAISER

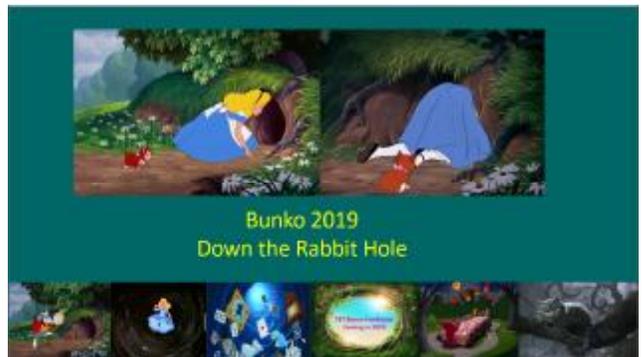


Great job to all of you who worked on the Bunko Flamingo Fandango! Our Chapter has once again had a very successful and fun Bunko fundraiser. This year we had a record number of raffle baskets at 102. Thank you to everyone who donated to make this year a record breaker. Thank you to everyone who attended and made food for the event. The food was great, and we had people asking for recipes. Thank you goes to: Liz Little for securing the Hall for us; Karen V. and Teri H. for assembling the baskets, staging them at the Hall and posting the winners. You did a Flamdango job!; Jann O. for printing up the tickets and names tags; Loretta M. for making the

handmade truffles and the dice boxes (they were yummy); Vivian R. for sewing the silverware pouches; Alexis O. for stuffing the silverware pouches and selling raffle tickets; Trish B. for coordinating the food for the luncheon; Trish B. and Cathy M. for setting up the luncheon food, cleaning up the luncheon tables and setting up the desserts; Suzanne O. who coordinated rounding up 25 card tables and getting them to Hall, Decorating Committee - Trish B., Suzanne O., Roz B., Cathy M., Jann and Jay O., Vivian R., Barbara B. and Marianne and Robert S. (I think we out did ourselves this year), Barbara B. and Wendy O. for working the Welcome Table and greeting everyone, and a BIG Thank You to all of you who attended. We hope you had a fabulous time. Below are our Bunko winners. We had a winner for the "Most" Bunkos (far left) and four winners tied for "Most" wins. Congratulations to all!



A note from Karen: The raffle prizes this year were amazing and everyone was so generous that it made our job easier. I am already looking forward to next year! If you have baskets that you would like us to reuse for next year, please hang on to them until next year when we put a call out to collect them for the next raffle. If you don't have the room for them, you can store them in the Chapter storage shed in Shirley's backyard. Let us know if you need the combination or address. There were two unclaimed raffle baskets that we will bring to the Sandi Strecker Seminar to raffle.



Cathy McCaughey has come up with the theme for next year's Bunko and will be heading the Decorations Committee. The theme will be based around "Alice in Wonderland." You now have a year's notice on the theme to start thinking about

your raffle ideas. Have fun with the theme and thank you Cathy for volunteering.

Connie and Karen



WAYS AND MEANS

Loretta M.'s Uncle Andy was the lucky winner of a fun, full basketful of movie night items which included movie tickets, popcorn, drinks and a host of other items. Thank you, Connie O. for your generous donation! Vivian R. will be the drawing donor for our September meeting.

Jann



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you so much for the beautiful memory boxes. You are a Gift to some people. Have a fun fall.

Roz

DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH IN OCTOBER

In celebration of Decorative Painting Month in October, TBT is placing a display of members' painted items in the display case inside the City of Concord main library all month. We will include a display of memory boxes and posters telling the public about our chapter and how to find us. If you have any items you would like to lend for the display, please bring them to the September meeting. If your piece is not signed please print your name on a piece of painter's tape at the back or bottom of the item for easy identification. Items will be returned at the November meeting. If you are near the Concord Main Library in October, come look at the display.

Suzanne O and Cathy Mc

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

No Board meeting was held due to our Bunco Fundraiser in August.



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.



Happy Birthday to our member who celebrate in September: Roni M., Sue S., and Donna S.
 We would also like to wish Happy Birthday to the members who celebrate in October: Barbara B., Kathy G., Judy H., Cheryl R., and Bonnie S.

Holley Y.

HOSPITALITY

Thank you to the members who volunteered to bring something for our September meeting.

Snacks: Carrie G, Luci F. and Cathy M.
 Beverages: Loretta M. and Suzanne O.
 Ice: Barb B.
 Thanks all!!!

Barbara

TBT 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

September 15 & 16- Sandi Strecker Seminar
 September 18th- Regular Tuesday Meeting 7PM
 October 16th- Regular Tuesday Meeting 7PM
 November 10th- Saturday Meeting 10AM-4PM
 December 18th- Christmas Dinner Mangia Bene Martinez



TIPS, HINTS AND HELPS

If you have a tip, hint or something that you think would help us be better painters email Trish with your suggestion. Sharing is caring.

Shirley I. has a brand new, never used big painting book for sale called Painting on the Wild Side. She is asking \$20.00. It's a big book. If you are interested, you can contact her directly. She will also be bringing it to our September meeting.

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