

# The Painting



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe we are already in April of this year. Last year moved way too fast and I'm hoping this year will slow down! We have had a mixture of fun projects this year and it looks like it will continue for this month. Marianne has done a great job getting a variety of projects this year. This month Jann O. will be teaching us a design on a hand towel. Come join the fun!

For those of you who were not at the Saturday meeting I announced, with a deeply sad heart, that Shirley I. has been diagnosed with Lung Cancer and is asking for your support in prayers. Please support Shirley with your prayers and drop her a card to let her know you are thinking about her.

Carrie G. has graciously volunteered to take over the Awards and Recognitions for Shirley. Thank you Carrie!

We have one charity nomination this year and if no others are brought forward at the April meeting, we will go with the one Cathy McC. has suggested. It is "Mobility Matters" which offers rides to Seniors and Veterans throughout Contra Costa County.

SDP has announced that the 2019 Annual Convention will be the last one they hold and going forward will focus on supporting the current decorative painting shows and expanding SDP's education options to those unable to attend painting shows.

"If I could say it in words there would be no reason to paint." -- Edward Hopper

*Connie*



## PROGRAMS

Thank you to DJ for teaching your beautiful "Giant Swallowtail" project at our March meeting. It was a wonderful day with some new and old friends in attendance. Everyone had a great time!

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At our April meeting Jann O. will be teaching us how to draw designs on dish towels. The cost is \$1.25 and includes the dish towel. The only supply you need to bring is an ident-a-pen (a sharpie will not work). It's going to be a fun relaxing class.



Liz L. will be teaching us how to make a 4<sup>th</sup> of July wreath at our May meeting on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost of this project will be \$22.00 and includes the wire wreath, 3 rolls of mesh and ribbon. There are still 6 spots available at this cost. Any additional sign-ups will be priced according to the cost of material as soon as we know how many members over the original 15 will be participating. Deadline for sign-ups is April 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a signup sheet at the end of the newsletter.

We have some fun projects coming up so please plan on attending.

*Marianne*



## MEMBERSHIP

The 2019 Toll Bridge Tolers Chapter dues are \$15. The 2019 National annual dues are \$60. The Society of Decorative Painters (SDP) dues needs to be paid directly to the Society. You can pay the SDP dues on line through their website via credit card at [www.decorativepainters.org/renew](http://www.decorativepainters.org/renew); or you can call (316) 269-9300 and speak with a SDP staff member to find how to pay by check or providing your credit card to the SDP staff member. The chapter membership application form is on our website at [www.tollbridgetolers.org](http://www.tollbridgetolers.org). The chapter application can be turned in at a chapter meeting or mailed to the chapter PO Box. Mail should be sent to Toll Bridge Tolers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553.

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

*Karen*



## WAYS AND MEANS

Marie V. was the lucky winner of the wonderful St. Patrick's Day Basket donated by Luci. Luci's green basket was filled with a Happy St. Patrick's Day sign, a handmade pillow case, a handmade table runner, mint M&Ms, a green candle and festive St. Patrick's ribbon. Jann O. is donating the April drawing prize.

*Jann*



## SEMINARS

Our biannual Ornament Frenzy is Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the VFW Hall 930 Ward Street, Martinez. The club voted to underwrite the registration cost for TBT members for the frenzy. The event is limited to 40 attendees. Registration for members started in March and so far, 17 members have signed up. For those members who are procrastinators, you can still sign up during the month of April. On May 1<sup>st</sup> registration will be open to non-members if space is available and then it is on a first come basis. The registration fee is \$35 for non-members. Please see the attached registration sheet. I will be at the April meeting with registration forms and can accept forms then, or you can mail the form to me. My address and phone number are in the member handbook. The registration form and pictures of the four ornaments we will be painting are attached at the end of the newsletter.

Vivian R. has graciously volunteered to head the food committee for the frenzy. If anyone else would like to volunteer to help her please let me know.

*Cathy*



## ANNUAL BUNKO FUNDRAISER

### Bunko Tickets

The 2019 Bunko tickets are on sale. They are the same great price of \$25 for a fun afternoon of lunch, bunko, desserts with the chance to purchase raffle tickets and win amazing raffle prizes. Our theme is Alice in Wonderland – Down the Rabbit Hole. The venue has been moved to the multi-use room at the First Lutheran Church at 4000 Concord Blvd. in Concord. Please contact me for tickets. I will have them at the meetings.

Get your raffle prize donations ready. We are collecting raffle prizes for the bunko event. This is our main fundraiser for our chosen charities and we have been really fortunate to be able to donate money to very worthy causes. We will accept any type and amount of gift card, newly painted item, or other new items. Several people donate various themed raffle prizes such as Giants, A's, or picnics, etc. which are also wonderful. Even if it is just one item, we'll take it and we may combine with other items to make a wonderful raffle prize. Please let me know if you have any questions.

*Karen*

*Raffle Prize Co-Coordinator*



## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

No awards were handed out at the March meeting.

*Shirley*





## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
March 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by President Connie O. with a quorum present. The minutes of the February meeting were corrected by Cathy McC. to reflect that the Mobility Matters charity provides free rides to both seniors and veterans. The minutes were approved as published in the March newsletter and corrected (Barbara B./Agnes K-D.)

Connie O. advised that Charter member Shirley I. has been diagnosed with lung cancer with a six month life expectancy. Cards of encouragement were signed and will be sent to her with our thoughts and prayers.

The bunco fundraiser is now scheduled for August 17 in the First Lutheran Church gymnasium.

Ornament Frenzy – Cathy McC. reported the event is free to TBT members with 40 spots available. After members have registered, it will be open to non-members. Cathy spoke to Tami Carmody at the Las Vegas Convention and she is amenable to teaching a seminar for us in 2020. She is willing to stay with a member or a hotel. Cathy displayed some Make-It-Take-Its she did in Las Vegas.

Cards were signed for Liz D. and Lucille H. who will be visited by Luci F.

2020 Charities – Connie asked that charity nominations be brought to the April meeting.

Programs – Marianne S. advised extra panels from today's program are available for \$2 each. The Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, program will be a Fourth of July wreath taught by Liz L. at a cost of \$22. Assorted embellishments, available at Hobby Lobby, were displayed by Marianne. There is room for 15 people and she passed out registration forms with a sign-up and payment deadline of April 30, 2019. The April meeting will have Jann O. showing us how to draw on dish towels.

Connie O. reported SDP has announced that the 2019 Annual Convention will be the last one and they will focus on supporting the current decorative painting shows and expanding SDP's education options to those unable to attend.

Announcements – Barbara B. had a free roll of felt available for anyone interested. Luci F. commented that Community Concern for Cats, one of the charities our club donated to in 2019, recently captured a feral cat in her neighborhood and neutered it before releasing it. She was impressed with the organization and Connie O. indicated we could nominate them again in the future. A proportional scale was displayed to reduce and enlarge patterns -- available from Patricia Rawlinson

Special Drawing – A St. Patrick's Day themed basket was donated by Luci F. and was won by Marie.V.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am to a Shirley Koenig butterfly pattern taught by D.J. W.



## 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.



## SUNSHINE

Happy Spring. Our trip to Baja California was incredible, the whales came right up to the boats and we were able to touch them. Good to be back home. Missed all of you.

Happy birthday to our members Jeanie P. and Karen V. who are celebrating their special day in April. And to Connie O. who celebrates her birthday in May. Hope you all have a wonderful day.

Holley Y.



## HOSPITALITY

Wow time is a flying!!

Snacks: Torie K., Kathy G. and Judy H.

Beverages Connie O.

Ice: Darlene S.

Barbara B.



## TBT 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

April 16<sup>th</sup>- Regular Tuesday Meeting

May 18<sup>th</sup>- Saturday Meeting

June 18<sup>th</sup>- Regular Tuesday Meeting

August 17<sup>th</sup> – Bunco- First Lutheran Church Gymnasium

September 28<sup>th</sup> - Ornament Frenzy at Veterans Hall in Martinez, CA.

October 15<sup>th</sup> - Regular Tuesday meeting

November 19<sup>th</sup> - Regular Tuesday meeting

December 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Installation Dinner



## TIPS, HINTS AND HELPS

This portion of the newsletter is to help 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.

A couple of tips that I found from Tole Expressions website!

Painting Palettes- A great recycling tip! If you work at a job where you print a lot of address labels, save the shiny "backs" they come on and use them for paper palettes.

Picture holders- this one's been around the block a few times, but in case you haven't come across it: Save the cardholder picks that come with your flower arrangements. When painting from a photo, just insert the photo into the cardholder and stand the cardholder in the jar with your brushes. This not only keeps your pictures at eye level but also keeps it from getting messy with paint.

Next time you're at the grocery store, pick up a box of plastic coffee stirrers for stirring paint. They're inexpensive and perfect for the job!

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- ORNAMENT FRENZY

DATE: Saturday September 28, 2019 at the VFW Hall located at 930 Ward Street, Martinez, CA

TIME: 8:30am-5pm

COST: TBT Members No Fee                      Non Member Fee \$35

Class size is limited to 40 attendees. Registration will be accepted for current TBT members during the months of March and April. Then registration will be opened up to non-members if space is available. If there are less than 40 painters, there may be additional wood surfaces available to purchase at the Frenzy. There are no refunds and payment must accompany the registration form. (for non-members).

Registration Deadline- August 1, 2019- You will need to do some prep on the ornaments. My goal is to have the kits and initial prep instructions ready by our Bunko date (August 17<sup>th</sup>) for distribution. Prep must be completed prior to your arrival in class.

A light breakfast, lunch and water will be provided. Paint and complete instructions will be provided on the day of the Frenzy

Checks should be made out to Toll Bridge Tolars. Mail registration forms to Cathy McC. Her address is in the membership booklet.

Questions: Cathy McC. Her phone number and email are in the membership booklet.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

PICTURES FOR ORNAMENTS ARE ON NEXT PAGE





Christmas girl taught by Loretta M.

Reindeer key taught by Shirley I.

Santa taught by Jeanie S.

Snowmen taught by Karen V.





**REGISTRATION FORM FOR TBT MAY MEETING PROGRAM TAUGHT BY LIZ L.**

DATE: May 18, 2019

TIME: 10:00 TO 4:00

LOCATION: First Lutheran Church (regular meeting place)

COST: \$22.00 - INCLUDES WIRE WREATH, 3 ROLLS OF MESH AND RIBBON (15 SLOTS AVAILABLE AT THIS PRICE) \*\* SEE BELOW

DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP AND \$22.00 PAYMENT IS **APRIL 30, 2019**

LUNCH – Bring you own

QUESTIONS: CONTACT MARIANNE S. BY EMAIL or phone. They are in the member booklet.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Toll Bridge Tolars and mail **to Marianne S.** or you may bring them to the April meeting.

**\*\* ADDITIONAL SIGN UPS WILL BE PRICED ACCORDING TO THE COST OF MATERIAL AS SOON AS WE KNOW HOW MANY MEMBERS WILL BE PARTICIPATING**