

# The Painting



# Connection

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a fun start to the year with Kathy G. Kathy taught us a fun coffee mug project with the design being all in dots of various sizes. Who knew making dots could be so much fun. If you were unable to join us, take a look at the website to see what members made.

Jeanie S. donated wooden hearts that Jay and Jann O. turned into wonderful stools. Jay worked to add legs to the hearts and Jann had a lot of fun doing "Pouring" painting on the stools. They have been donated to the Church for the generosity of letting us use the Church for our monthly meetings. Pictures of them are posted on the web.

Marianne will be teaching our monthly project this month. She brought it last month for us to see. It is a very cute snowman painted on a wine glass. Hope you can join us at the meeting to paint one for yourself.

Our Ornament Frenzy this year will take the place of our scheduled Saturday meeting. The Frenzy will be Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Frenzy will be held at the Veterans Hall in Martinez.

Mark your calendars on August 24<sup>th</sup> for our annual Bunko fundraiser. It will be held in the Church's gymnasium. The theme this year is Alice in Wonderland, Down the Rabbit Hole. Get your brushes and imaginations out and start painting for Bunko donations. As a reminder, when you bring in donations for Bunko, please go to the website and download the Bunko donation form to accompany your donation. Your donation team truly appreciates you doing this. When we receive a number of donations at the same time, it is hard to remember who gave us what and we want to make sure we credit the proper member when putting the baskets together.

It was discussed and agreed upon by the members that we will not have an Easter exchange this year and will keep with having a Halloween and Christmas ornament exchange.

"The meaning of life is to find your gift.

The purpose of life is to give it away.”  
-- Pablo Picasso

Connie



## PROGRAMS



We started the year off with a fun project, dotted mugs taught by Kathy G. There were so many wonderful mugs painted and everyone had a great time! Thanks Kathy! And Thank you to Judy H. and Torie K. for helping Kathy teach this program. I'm looking forward to painting many more mugs and tile coasters.



I'll be teaching our February 19<sup>th</sup> program, a Snowman wine glass. The cost for this project will be \$2.00. I'll supply the wine glasses, paint and make up sponges. Please bring a small filbert and liner brush to make the eyes as well as a stylus for the snowy dip dots. You'll also need a small paint pallet, paper towels and your water basin.



Our March meeting is on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and is a Shirley Koenig pattern taught by DJ. It will be on a sliding frame with a reversible Masonite insert. In order for us to get the frames and inserts made and prepped, we need to collect the sign-up sheet and money prior to the March meeting. The deadline for sign-ups is February 15<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up sheet is at the end of the newsletter so please get them out to me ASAP. Thank you!



I would like to thank those members who came to the November meeting to paint canvas bags for the Veterans. I delivered 21 bags to John Larsen, Deputy Chief, Voluntary Services at the Veterans Hospital in Martinez. With your generous donations, we were able to fill all 21 bags with toiletries,

journals, crossword puzzle books, cards, etc. A special thanks to Trish B. and Jann O. for helping with this project. Mr. Larsen was very appreciative of the donations.

Hope to see everyone at these meetings!  
*Marianne*



## MEMBERSHIP

The 2019 Chapter dues of \$15 are past due. Please pay them as soon as possible if you have not already renewed your dues. 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 mail in the application or you can renew your SDP dues on line through their website. There are 3 options to pay the National dues - submit an on-line payment at [www.decorativepainters.org/renew](http://www.decorativepainters.org/renew); or mail it in with the application form; or can call (316) 269-9300 and speak with a staff member to pay with your credit card.

The chapter Membership Application form is on our website at [www.tollbridgetolers.org](http://www.tollbridgetolers.org). You can turn it in at the meeting or mail the chapter form and check. Mail should be sent to Toll Bridge Tolers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553.

Thank you to the members that have already paid. Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance.

*Karen*



## WAYS AND MEANS

New member Torie, was the lucky winner of the January drawing basket which I donated. It was a winter themed painted basket with a hand knitted scarf and ear warmer, two cups with hot chocolate mix and candy canes. Cathy McC. is donating the February drawing prize.

*Jann*



## SEMINARS

Save the date for our biannual Ornament Frenzy. It is Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans' Memorial Building 930 Ward Street in Martinez. A big thank you to Vivian and Jeff R. for securing this venue for us.

Our roster of teachers are: Karen V., Jeanie S., Loretta M. and Shirley I. We have the venue for nine hours and very few of our members can paint for 10-12 hours at a frenzy anymore. I hope to have a sign-up sheet by our March newsletter. Looking for volunteers for a food committee. Roz has volunteered to help make Turtles (hot chocolate with Butter shots) in the afternoon of the frenzy.

I have no other seminars scheduled for 2019. Looking forward to 2020, I am trying to book Tami Carmody (paints on glass and clay: bird feeders, jewelry, ornaments, flower pots). If you have any other suggestions, you are welcome to join me on the seminar committee to help secure and plan future seminars.

*Cathy*



## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

At our January meeting, I passed out an award to Carrie G. for painting name tags and to Karen V., Barbara B., and Suzanne O. for the October library display.

*Shirley*



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hello Painting Friends. Happy Winter. I do have some memory Boxes to paint if you need them. Thank you for the beautiful boxes you have painted. See you at the next meeting.

Roz

## SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2019

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

President:	Connie O.
1 <sup>st</sup> VP-Programs:	Marianne S.
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP-Membership:	Karen V.
Secretary:	Darlene S.
Treasurer:	Jann O.
Newsletter:	Trish B.
Ways and Means:	Jann O.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

County Fair:	Karen V. and Luci F.
Community Projects:	Roz B
Dec. Painting Month:	Cathy McC. and Suzanne O.
Handbook:	Karen V.
Historian:	Loretta
Hospitality:	Barbara B.
Librarian:	Jann O.

Seminars/Paint-ins:	Cathy McC.
Nominating Committee:	Luci F.
Parliamentarian:	Cathy McC.
Rewards/Recognition:	Shirley I.
Sunshine:	Holley Y.
Website:	Loretta
Publicity:	<b>VACANT</b>

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
January 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Connie O. at 7:13 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the December newsletter (Karen V./Barbara B.).

Election of 2019 Officers – Merlene R. presented the slate of 2019 officers and committee chairpersons with the addition of Loretta M. as Historian and Website. The slate was not approved at the November 2018 meeting due to lack of a quorum. The slate of officers was approved as presented (Holley Y./Suzanne O.).

Scheduled Meetings – The three Saturday meetings will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Ornament Frenzy on September 28<sup>th</sup> will take the place of the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and will be held at the Veterans' Hall in Martinez from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm. The bunco fundraiser will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> in the First Lutheran Church gym from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. The theme will be Alice in Wonderland "Down the Rabbit Hole". Cathy McC. is the Chairman. Please contact her to volunteer for various committees.

Ornament Exchanges – Discussion followed regarding having ornament exchanges for Easter, Halloween and Christmas. It was unanimously agreed to not do an Easter exchange this year.

Membership – Karen V. noted there is a good turnout for tonight's meeting. Dues are past due.

1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Programs – Marianne S. advised the February meeting's program will be a snowman wine glass she will teach. She passed out registration forms for the Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to be taught by DJ W. D. The cost is \$12.50 with a sign-up deadline of February 15<sup>th</sup>. The registration form will also be in the February newsletter. Everything will be provided except for the paints and your usual painting supplies. Bring your own lunch.

Painted Stools – Jann O. brought 10 beautiful heart stools she painted to donate on behalf of TBT to the Church. They will be auctioned at the Church's annual crabfeed fundraiser. The hearts were donated by Jeanie S., Jann's husband, Jay, added legs and she painted them with an acrylic paint pouring method. She displayed a backpack that the SDP Convention will be providing to Social Services for children removed from their homes. Jann suggested we consider doing this with our local Social Services Department as a community project at a future meeting.

Memory Boxes – Roz B. advised she has unpainted memory boxes and asked that anyone who would like some to let her know.

Awards and Recognition – Shirley I. passed out an award to Carrie G. for painting name tags and to Karen V., Barbara B., and Suzanne O. for the October library display.

2019 Handbook – Karen V. passed out new handbooks to those present.

Hospitality – Barbara B. circulated the book for sign-ups.

Correspondence – Information about an Annamarie Oke seminar to be held in Salinas March 16-17 by the Monterey Chapter was passed around. A thank you card was received from Community Concern for Cats for our bunco fundraiser donation in 2018.

Special Drawing – The prize was a painted winter themed paper mache bag containing two cups with hot chocolate mix and a candy cane in each and a hand knitted scarf and head band provided by Jann O. Torie K. had the winning ticket which was drawn by Loretta M.

Church Donation –The Treasurer, Jann O. wrote our annual donation of \$300 to First Lutheran Church for our use of their facility for our meetings. A deposit was also written for our use of the gym for the August bunco fundraiser.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm to the dotted cup program taught by Kathy Gunther.



## 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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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



Wishing all of our February gals Happy Birthday- Roz B., Teri H., Shirley I. and Holley Y. Hope you all have a wonderful day celebrating YOU!

A Happy Birthday to our March gals- Wendy O., Vivian R., Rosemarie R., Jan V., and Debra W.

*Holley Y.*



## HOSPITALITY

Snacks: Marianne S., Trish B. and Roz

Beverages: Karen V. and Barb B

Ice: Barb B.

Thanks everyone for making my job such a joy by pitching in for refreshments each and every month.

*Barbara B.*



## TBT 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

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

March 16<sup>th</sup>- Saturday Meeting

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

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

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

August 24<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.

Shirley I. wanted to share a tip she saw for applying paint to a rubber stamp and putting it on your project. Paint your palette paper with your acrylic paints, making sure it's a solid coat of paint without any streaks. Put your stamp down in that paint and then press it onto your piece. Its wonderful for the stamps that have a lot of detail on them. When you paint your stamp then press it, it can come out very thick and globby. This works great! Thank you so much Shirley for you tip for the month of February.

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 FOR TBT MARCH MEETING PROGRAM TAUGHT BY DJ WEST DAVIS  
(PATTERN BY SHIRLEY KOENING)

DATE: March 16, 2019

TIME: 10:00 TO 4:00

LOCATION: First Lutheran Church (regular meeting place)

COST: \$12.50 - INCLUDES FRAME, DOUBLE SIDED MASONITE INSERT (insert prepped with Tim Holz paper and pattern)

DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP AND \$12.50 PAYMENT IS **FEBRUARY 15TH**

LUNCH – Bring you own

QUESTIONS: CONTACT MARIANNE S. by EMAIL or her cell (see member handbook for this info)

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

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

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

Please make checks payable to Toll Bridge Tolars and mail this form plus payment DIRECTLY to Marianne S. or you may bring them to the February meeting.

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!