

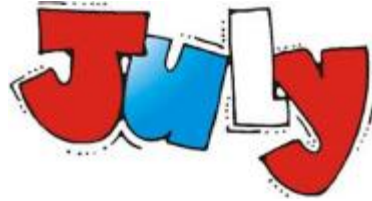
# The Painting



# Connection

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you missed our June meeting, then you missed a really fun project in color pencils with Karen V. What a nice time we had coloring the starfish. It definitely got you in the mood to go to the beach and also try some other projects in color pencils. Thanks Karen, for such a fun project.

Our July BBQ will be at Loretta and Robert's home on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Marianne passed around a signup sheet at the June meeting and has also emailed it out. If you did not get a chance to sign up to bring a dish, please email or call Marianne.

Our Bunko Fundraiser is rapidly coming up on August 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have donations for the baskets please get them to Karen. The basket assembly takes some time and getting your raffle items ahead of time helps greatly. Thank you to all who have already painted and donated items. Without all of you donating, our Fundraiser would not be the success it has been every year!

Our September meeting will be our Ornament Frenzy. It will be on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall in Martinez. Looks like we have more fun ornaments to paint at this Frenzy. If you have not signed up already, please contact Cathy McC. as there are a few slots left.

Wishing you, your family and friends a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

*Connie*



## PROGRAMS

I want to thank Karen V. for her demonstration of Erika Joanne's Starfish Wishes pattern and how to use Prismacolor pencils for shading on watercolor paper. It's always fun to learn new techniques and everyone seemed to enjoy learning this new shading method.

The TBT annual BBQ at Loretta and Roberts will be held on Sunday, July 14th. We have already sent around a sign-up sheet for those who are attending. If you have not signed up yet, please let me know by July 10th how many will be coming and what you will be bringing. We still need appetizers and desserts.

Our annual Bunko fundraiser takes the place of the August meeting and will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our bi-annual Ornament Frenzy is being held on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and will replace our September meeting and program.

We'll see everyone in October for our exciting Halloween program which will be taught by Trish B.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

*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

Karen V. won the June drawing generously donated by Trish B. The drawing prize was a beautiful succulent planter. Thank you Trish. For the second time in a row, our lucky winner is the next donor! Karen and Roz will be donating the July drawing prize.

*Jann*



## SEMINARS

Our bi-annual 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 registration fee for the Ornament Frenzy for non-members is \$35. Registration is limited to 40 painters.

The registration form and pictures of the four ornaments we will be painting are attached. You can contact me at (925) 286-9783 if you need my address to mail in your registration (and check if you are a non-member).

*Cathy McC*



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Thank you to all the memory box painters. Also, thank you Jann for two beautiful painted memory boxes. I hope everyone has a great July 4<sup>th</sup>!

*Roz*



## **ANNUAL BUNKO FUNDRAISER**

### **Alice in Wonderland – Down the Rabbit Hole Bunko Tickets**

Get your 2019 Bunko tickets!! They are the same great price of \$25 for a fun afternoon of a scrumptious lunch, bunko games, and yummy desserts. Not to mention the awesome raffle prizes you can win with the purchase of raffle tickets. Our theme is Alice in Wonderland – Down the Rabbit Hole. The venue is the multi-use room at the First Lutheran Church at 4000 Concord Blvd. in Concord. Please contact me for tickets or see me at the meeting.

### **Raffle Donations**

Calling all raffle prize donations. Turn in your raffle prize donations as soon as possible! We are collecting raffle prizes for the bunko event. This is our main fundraiser for our chosen charities and we have been very fortunate to be able to donate money to very worthy causes. Newly Painted items are coveted prizes as are gift cards (any type and amount) 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 can combine with other items to make a wonderful raffle prize. We appreciate all the generous donations and support from our chapter members and hope all members can contribute to this project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**LOOKING FOR CARD TABLES!!!** Suzanne is asking anyone who has a card table to let the committee use for the Bunko event, to please contact her and she can come pick it up. Her email and phone number are in the membership booklet.

*Karen*  
*Raffle Prize Co-Coordinator*

## **TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
June 18,2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by President Connie O. with a quorum present. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the June newsletter (Jann O./Barbara B.).

BBQ – Connie announced the BBQ at Loretta M.'s home will be on Sunday, July 14. A sign-up sheet for food items was passed around. The Bunco fundraiser will be on August 17, 2019 in the Church's multi-purpose room. There are 31 sign-ups for the September Ornament Frenzy. Please advise Connie, in Cathy's absence, if someone else wants to attend. There is no charge for members and \$35 for non-members.

Domain Name Coordinator – Jann O. advised the Chapter's website was down for a month as our domain name expired. Former member Leah L. was listed as the contact person and we were not notified of the expiration. She suggested and agreed that the contact person be changed to our Webmaster Loretta M. (with Loretta's approval). The change of contact person will require a letter with a completed form from a Chapter officer, minutes with the change noted and a tax form for 2018. Connie will follow through on this. The fee has been paid.

SDP Convention – Jann O. attended the convention in Wichita, KS in May and received our Chapter Achievement Award, Chapter of Distinction Award and badge for our banner. She took a roster of our members with her and two patterns will be mailed to each Chapter member. Jann attended the Chapter luncheon and discussed the various methods Chapters are using to get new members. To live within its budget, SDP has reduced its staff and is now renting an office and plans to have regional gatherings rather than a convention. An ingathering of backpacks was a feature this year. Two hundred painted backpacks were received and Jann won first place for her Cookie Monster backpack. SDP's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in three years and they are planning a cruise to the Caribbean. Jann also has a catalog of new DecoArt products. Jann displayed the projects she painted at the convention which included a colored pencil pillowcase. These are available from Hobby Lobby and she will teach the project next year. Jann also has two catalogs for the Oklahoma convention.

Correspondence – Connie read a thank you letter from Community Concern for Cats for our donation.

Martinez Home Tour – Vivian R. advised volunteers from the Chapter have been invited to participate again in October. Display items are needed and the volunteers receive a free tour. We were well received last year and it was agreed to participate again in this fun event.

Vivian also advised she is a member of a 35 piece marching band and they are interested in playing at events. She will write up a blurb to put in the Chapter newsletter.

2020 Cruise – Cathy McC. and Vivian R. discussed doing another Chapter cruise (Mexico, California coast, Alaska) in 2020 and interest was expressed in doing this.

Community Project – Jann commented her backpack was well received at the SDP convention and it was suggested we do this next year for our local Department of Social Services' foster children. The Department is interested and Luci F. will obtain more information. The Bay Area Crisis Center is also interested in backpacks. The backpacks are available in all colors at Amazon and are under \$10.

2020 Meeting Dates – Marianne S. is organizing Chapter programs for next year and would like to hold our Saturday meetings in March, May and September. Connie stated this will be determined at our November Planning Meeting.

Special Drawing – Liz L. drew the ticket for the prize of succulents in a planter provided by Trish B. Karen V. won.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm to a colored pencil/acrylic starfish project taught by Karen V.



## 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).

**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](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 Birthday to all our July ladies-Liz, Cathy and Carrie. And Happy birthday to our August ladies too- Jeanie and Suzanne. Hope you all have a wonderful day celebrating YOU!

Holley Y.



## HOSPITALITY

Boy summer has moved in!!! Barbeque at Loretta and Robert's is coming up. Hope to see you all there!!!

Barbara B.



## TBT 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

July 14<sup>th</sup>- BBQ at Loretta and Roberts house  
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

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

# TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS ORNAMENT FRENZY

## REGISTRATION FORM

**DATE:** Saturday September 28, 2019

**WHERE:** VFW Hall, 930 Ward Street, Martinez CA

**TIME:** 8:30am-5:00pm

**COST:** TBT Members- No fee Non-Members- \$35.00

**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 form to Cathy McC. Her address is in the membership booklet.

Questions: Contact Cathy McC on her cell phone # (925) 286-9783 or her email.

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

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

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

Photos of ornaments are on the next page.



Christmas girl taught by Loretta M.

Reindeer key taught by Karen V.

Santa taught by Jeanie S.

Snowmen taught by Karen V.