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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to all of you who came to the May Meeting. We had a good turnout and a great time making the Patriotic wreath taught by Liz L. Rumor has it if you are needing assistance with your wreath Loretta would just love to help you. □ Thanks, Liz, for a fun project.

Sadly, we lost Shirley I. last month and several of our members were able to attend her service on May 16th. Karen V. graciously agreed to represent the Chapter and read the following at Shirley's service:

"Good Evening. I am speaking on behalf of the Toll Bridge Tolerers decorative painting chapter. Shirley was passionate about decorative painting and was a beautiful painter. So passionate that she opened a toll painting shop called Shirley's Tole Booth. She was part of the initial committee of people who were interested in starting a local chapter of the National Society of Decorative Painters more than 25 years ago. All of us are grateful and appreciate for all she did to get our Chapter started and making it successful. We all have a common bond and love of painting and have been fortunate to become good friends. Shirley taught many projects and ornaments which we will all cherish – whether in her shop or at a Chapter event.

She filled many officer positions and most recently she has been our Rewards and Recognition Chair painting special angels to recognize and reward a chapter member for doing something to benefit our Chapter. We will all fondly think of Shirley when we wear our angels.

Shirley had a quick wit and could come out with some zingers that made us all laugh. There were always what we called "Shirlisms" that she used while teaching painting like chuka, chuka, chuka, wiggle waggle wiggle waggle, smooch and pounce, pounce, pounce. And nobody could do a float like Shirley.

We will miss Shirley terribly and hope she is teaching and painting up in Heaven. When we get frustrated with our painting and wish for a painting fairy – we hope she will come and help us out – even though it will be left-handed! We love you Shirley!"

The following Chapter members assisted Shirley's family with providing food for Shirley's reception following her service; Luci F., Marianne S., Loretta M., Liz L., Barbara B., Carrie G., Vivian R., Cathy McC., Karen V. and Connie O. Thank you all for helping Shirley's family at such a difficult time.

Congratulations goes to Jann O. for the Bear she painted and took to the SDP Convention in Wichita for the Foster Kids Program. Her painted Bear on the backpack took 1st Place out of the 200 backpacks that were submitted. One hundred were hand delivered to the SDP Convention and 100 were mailed in. Great job Jann! Below are pictures of the backpack Jann painted.



We have not yet selected a date for our July BBQ at Loretta's home. After checking the raceway schedule and Loretta's the two dates that are available are Saturday, July 13th or Sunday, July 14th. A message was sent out to the Chapter asking which date you prefer and to date I have only heard back from four Chapter members. We will discuss this at our Chapter meeting to see which date will allow the most members to attend. If you are unable to attend the June meeting and have not sent me your preference on the date for the BBQ, please do so before we meet on June 18th.

Our Bunko Fundraiser is only a little over two months away (Oh No)! If you have donations for the baskets, please bring them to the June meeting or get them to Karen or me. We will be starting to assemble the baskets later in June. 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!

Connie



PROGRAMS

Our May project was a wonderful 4th of July wreath taught by Liz L. We had 12 members attend this meeting and everyone was thrilled with their completed wreaths. Thank you Liz, it was a great program.

June Project – Demonstration of Erika Joanne's Innovative Pencil

Karen will be demonstrating shading on watercolor paper using colored pencils. She will be showing Erika Joanne's Starfish Wishes project. Cost is \$2.00. You will be able to try this technique. Come and learn a new technique to add to your painting toolkit. Erika Joanne has several mini-art patterns using her Innovative Pencil which are available on her website. These are great projects to send as a card and/or frame. She also teaches the projects through Facebook and you can watch and do a project along with her. Check out her website for more information.

https://www.erikajoanne.com/store/c4/%E2%99%A1_Innovative_Pencil%E2%84%A2.html. Her next project is Nantucket Natty Mini-Art flower design on June 27th at 5:00 pm. You can also watch them after they have been posted if you cannot do it at the time of the live broadcast. She sells the projects in bundles which makes it really easy or you can purchase the patterns, pencils and watercolor paper separately.



There will be no meeting in July since we will be having the annual BBQ at Loretta and Roberts. We hope everyone will attend. I will be sending around a sign-up sheet at our June meeting for appetizers, salads and desserts.

Our annual Bunko fundraiser takes the place of our August meeting and will be held on August 17th.

Lastly, our Ornament Frenzy will be held on Saturday September 28th 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. as well as our Halloween ornament exchange.

Marianne



MEMBERSHIP

The 2019 Toll Bridge Tolars 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; 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. 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 Tolars, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553.

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

Karen



WAYS AND MEANS

Trish B. was the lucky winner of the May drawing basket donated by Holley Y. A set of the new Deco Art paints, a string of birdhouse lights and some paint cubbies were part of the donation. There is irony in the fact that Trish, our May winner, is donating the June drawing prize.

Jann





SEMINARS

Our biannual Ornament Frenzy is Saturday September 28th, 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

Hello everyone. Thank you to Darlene and Cathy for the wonderful Memory Boxes they painted. Happy painting everyone.

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 but no later than June 30th. 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.

Karen
Raffle Prize Co-Coordinator



TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
May 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by President Connie O. with a quorum present. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed in the May newsletter (Barbara B./ Roz B.).

Memorial Service – Connie O. advised the service for Shirley I. is Monday at 6:00 pm at Bethel Baptist Church in Concord. She asked that anyone bringing a potluck dish to let her know what they are bringing. A note was received from Jeanie S. thanking everyone for their well wishes as she recovers at home from back surgery, advising she is doing well.

Seminars – Cathy McC. passed around four suggested projects for the Tami Carmody two-day seminar in June, 2020. A vote on the final two projects will be taken at the January, 2020 meeting.

Bunco – Cathy passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with set-up on Friday, August 16.

'O Ka Hale Lokelani Fundraiser – Connie O. provided information for this Bento box drive through fundraiser at Baldwin Park in Concord on Sunday, June 23 from Noon to 3:00 pm at a cost of \$15 per person. Pre-sale tickets only at 925-405-7966. Proceeds to fund participation at the 38th annual Hawai'i Hula Festival.

SDP – The Chapter received notification of receiving a Chapter of Distinction award for 2019 from SDP. Jann O. is representing us at this year's convention and will pick up our packet containing a patch and certificate. Each Chapter member will also receive two e-packets designed by Peggy Harris to be mailed after the conference.

Community Projects – Two memory boxes were received from Darlene S. and one from Cathy McC.

Special Drawing – Holley Y. donated the prize consisting of a DIY LED birdhouse string light set, paint cups, painting palette ornament, a jar of brush shapers and the 2019 new Americana paints. It was won by Trish B.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am to a 4th of July wreath taught by Liz L.



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS!!!

Thank you all for your kind notes. It was a real pleasure getting my mail. I know they were Vivian's cards and the idea, but I wanted to thank everyone who participated. Arizona is OK. Just not home yet. Have only used the AC once so far so that part has been great. Miss you all. Love, Merlene

I know I speak for all of us Merlene, you are GREATLY missed! It's just not the same without you here. We wish you all the best in your new home!!



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

We wish everyone a wonderful birthday who is celebrating in June, which includes Merlene R., Darlene S., Agnes K. and Tori.

And a Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating in July- Liz L., Cathy McC and Carrie G.

Well, we were supposed to be on our way to N.B.Canada, as most of you know my Mom had a heart attack last Tuesday in Montana. She's home from the hospital & is doing great, a little bit on the weak side but getting stronger everyday. (She's 95). I don't know how long we're going to be gone just 1 day at a time. I want to give a Big Thank You for all of your prayers and wonderful thoughts. Have a wonderful time at Loretta's BBQ as always. Have a wonderful summer. We have our granddaughter with us, will try to take her to N.D. to Teddy Roosevelt National Park and maybe to the Peace Garden in Minnesota.

Miss all of you

Holley Y.



HOSPITALITY

Snacks: Jann O, Marianne S., Liz L. and Luci F.

Beverages: Darlene S. and Karen V.

Ice: Barb B.

Barbara B.



TBT 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

June 18th- Regular Tuesday Meeting
August 17th – Bunco- First Lutheran Church Gymnasium
September 28th- Ornament Frenzy at Veterans Hall in Martinez, CA.
October 15th- Regular Tuesday meeting
November 19th- Regular Tuesday meeting
December 17th- 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 17th) 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.