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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to our visitors last month; Cheryl from Oakley and Rhonda from Brentwood who joined us at our meeting. It was very nice to meet you and we hope that you will join us again.

There was a conflict with our date for our Bunko Fundraiser and the Church. The date has been moved to up to AUGUST 17, 2019 for BUNKO.

We had one charity nomination from Cathy McC. for Mobility Matters which offers rides to Seniors throughout Contra Costa County. Please bring any other charities you would like to nominate to the March meeting.

At our last meeting we had farewell cake for Merlene R. She will be moving to Arizona March 6th and we wish Merlene a safe trip out to her new home. We will miss her terribly and hopes she visits us often.

Marianne taught a fun snowman wine glass project at our meeting. There were a lot of cute snowmen in the room at the end of the night. Thank you, Marianne.

DecoArt new 2019 Colors

Berry Cobbler Open Water
Crisp Blue Purple Petal
Green Lagoon Royal Navy
Golden Yellow Tropical Blue
Mermaid Tail Vintage Pink

Here is some Information from Cheryl Poulin's newsletter on how to reduce or enlarge a pattern-

EXAMPLE FOR REDUCING:

Your pattern is 15-inches long and you need to make it 12-inches long. Simply take 12, divide by 15 which equals 0.8, then multiply that by 100 for a total of 80. Now you can set the copier or scanner to reduce at 80%.
12/15 = 0.8 x 100 = 80

EXAMPLE FOR ENLARGING:

Your pattern is 12-inches long and you want to enlarge it to 15-inches. Take 15, divide it by 12 which equals 1.25, then multiply that by 100 for a total of 125. So now you can set the scanner or copier to enlarge by 125%.
15/12 = 1.25 x 100 = 125

Hope to see you all at our Saturday meeting, March 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Church. Don't forget to bring your lunch.

Connie



PROGRAMS



What a great turn out for our February meeting! Thank you all who stayed to paint my snowman wine glass. It was a fun project and everyone seemed to have fun painting him.



Our March meeting is on Saturday, March 16th and is a Shirley Koenig pattern taught by DJ W.D. It will be on a sliding frame with a reversable Masonite insert. DJ is prepping the insert so all you need to bring is your regular painting supplies and the following paints:

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| Antique Gold | Hauser Medium Green |
| Lamp Black | Margarita |
| Blue Harbor | Napa Red |
| Burnt Umber | Red Alert |
| Cadmium Yellow | Soft Black |
| Cool White | Graphite |
| Dragon Fruit | Spiced Pumpkin |

And here's some sneak peaks of our upcoming meetings:



Jann O. will be teaching our April meeting. Jann will be showing us how to draw designs on dish towels. More information to follow in the April newsletter.



Liz L. will be teaching us how to make a 4th of July wreath at our May meeting on Saturday, May 18th. I'll be sending out a sign-up sheet with the cost soon so be on the lookout for that.

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

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; 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. 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

Cathy McC. was the generous donor of the February drawing prize won by Suzanne O. A cute Stuffed Valentine's Hedgehog, decorated bird house, a Just Fine Designs pattern, a Chris Haughey pattern and wood cut out, a one-pound See's candy certificate and a box of rose soap petals sitting upon a Rubbermaid party serving kit made up the prize. Luci F. is donating the March 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 use funds received from the dissolution of funds from NCCC and chapter funds, to underwrite the registration cost for TBT members for the frenzy. The registration fee is \$35 for non-members. Please see the attached registration sheet.

In addition, per consensus at the February club meeting, I will be meeting with Tami Carmody in Las Vegas next week to try to arrange a seminar with her for our chapter in 2020.

Cathy



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

No awards were handed out at the February meeting.

Shirley



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hello Dear Painting Friends. We are starting the new year helping our communities. I have many beautiful painted memory boxes, so no pressure to paint. But I would love any you feel like painting. Thank you everyone for always helping others.

Roz



TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
February 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Connie O. at 7:20 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the February newsletter (Marianne S./Loretta M.).

Guests Cheryl from Oakley and Rhonda from Brentwood were introduced and welcomed. A happy 80th birthday was wished to Shirley I.

Bunco – Due to a conflict in schedules at the Church, the Bunco fundraiser has been moved to Saturday, August 17, 2019 at the First Lutheran Church gym. The check for the balance due was written. Jann O. will have the tickets printed and Karen V. will distribute them. The theme this year is “Alice in Wonderland – Down the Rabbit Hole”.

Membership – Karen V. made several corrections to the 2019 Handbook including a new home phone number for Kathy G. - (707) 419-5480. Jann O. advised she no longer has a home phone (cell phone only). Merlene R. passed out her new address in Green Valley, AZ. Shirley I. also advised Sue P.'s phone number is incorrect.

Darlene S. announced the crabfeed Fundraiser at the Church cleared \$9,500 and thanked those who donated raffle prizes to the event.

Community Projects – Roz B. showed four memory boxes painted by Merlene R. and one from Barbara B. She has unpainted boxes available. Marianne S. read a thank you letter from the VA Hospital for our painted tote bags filled with toiletries. She announced today is the deadline for sign-ups for D.J. W's project at the March 16th meeting. She displayed the frame and masonite insert. Extra inserts will be available for \$2 each. The surfaces will be prepped for us and Marianne will send out a list of paints to bring. Everyone is to bring their own lunch.

Charity Nominations – Cathy McC. nominated Mobility Matters which offers free rides for seniors to appointments throughout Contra Costa County. All funds received go to the organization staffed by volunteers. Connie O. asked for additional nominations at the March meeting.

Seminars – Cathy McC. advised TBT is paying the Ornament Frenzy cost for all members only. Four projects will be taught at the Veterans' Hall in Martinez on September 28, 2019. Cathy had information about having Tami

Carmody teach a seminar. Her specialty is painting flowers on glass and jewelry and she lives in San Diego. Interest was expressed in having her teach for us.

Special Drawing – The prize was provided by Cathy McC. and consisted of a one-pound certificate for See's Candy, a Rubbermaid Party Serving Kit, a decorated birdhouse, a Chris Haughey Christmas pattern with wood, a Just Fine Design pattern, one box of rose soap petals, and a stuffed Valentine Hedgehog. Suzanne O. was the winner.

Hospitality – Barbara B. passed around the Hospitality book for April sign-ups.

A delicious chocolate cake was presented to Merlene R. who is moving to Arizona in two weeks and it was enjoyed by all.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm to a snowman wine glass project taught by Marianne S.



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



Let's all wish a very Happy Birthday to our March members-Wendy O.,Jann O.,Vivian R., RoseMarie R.,Jan V. and Debra W.D.

And Happy Birthday to our April members-Jeanne P. and Karen V. Hope you all have a wonderful day celebrating you!

Holley Y.



HOSPITALITY

Our March meeting is on Saturday the 16th. Bring your own lunch and if you want a snack to be shared. We have water and some sodas.

Barbara B.



TBT 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

March 16th- Saturday Meeting
April 16th- Regular Tuesday Meeting
May 18th- Saturday Meeting
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



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.

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 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 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.