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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cold autumn nights, colorful leaves, soups and stews and Thanksgiving on its way. I love this time of season with the crisp fall air, a big pot of soup on the stove, the kitchen windows fogged from the steam of cooking and the smell of baking wafting throughout the house.

I would like to thank Trish for teaching the fun Frankenstein pin at our October meeting. She also had a Mrs. Frankenstein and the pair made a very cute couple. I was fortunate to win the Frankenstein earrings that Trish made and had a drawing for. I wore them to work on Halloween and had my whole staff wanting them. Everyone thought they were very fun! Thank you, Trish, for making them and I am lucky to have won them. Thanks!

Mobility Matters will be at our November meeting for us to present them with our donation from the Bunko Fundraiser.

Reminder . . . our planning meeting for 2020 is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Church.

Wishing you and your family a safe and very Happy Thanksgiving!
Connie



PROGRAMS

I hope everyone had a Happy and Safe Halloween!

I would like to thank Trish B. for teaching our October meeting, a darling Frankenstein domino pin or magnet. We also had our Halloween Ornament exchange which was lots of fun with so many cute ornaments. A great time was had by all!



Our November project is called "Christmas Chickadee" and is a Marlene Kreutz design being taught by Jann O. The cost will be \$1.50 which will include a card with envelope. Depending on how many attendees we have, everyone will probably be able to make two cards. Members should bring a ruler, soft lead pencil, eraser, and Micron pen if you have one. Jann will have some pens for purchase and has the color pencils and blending stubs.

I would also like to give a shout out to our members that have been affected by the wildfires burning across Northern California! I hope everyone is safe and sound!

Request for 2020 Monthly Program Teachers

As the New Year approaches, we need to book teachers for the monthly meeting programs. We have some volunteers but still need someone for January and February. Also, there are a few spots open for the rest of the year. Please let me know if you have a project you would be willing to teach along with a description of the project and the month you would like to teach. It would be great if we could get participation from members who have not taught before. This way everyone has a chance to share their talents with the chapter.

Please contact me by email or phone.

Thank you!

Marianne



MEMBERSHIP

It is time again to renew our annual national and chapter membership dues. If you have not done so yet, please renew your chapter and national dues. You should have received emails from SDP with the membership renewal information and an application was also included in the Fall 2019 magazine mailing.

The 2020 National membership dues continue to be \$60. They can be submitted by one of the options below:

- Online – www.decorativepainters.org/renew.
- Phone – call (316) 269-9300 and speak with a staff member and pay by credit card.
- Mail – Use the application form included with your recent magazine and pay by credit card or check made to SDP.
- Fax – (316) 269-9191 the application form and pay by credit card.

The chapter dues are the same low price of \$15 for 2020. You can access the chapter Membership Application form on our website at www.tollbridgetolers.org Turn in the form at our next meeting or mail the form and check. 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

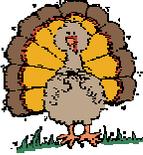




WAYS AND MEANS

A basket of handcrafted Halloween goodies was generously donated by Marianne for our October drawing. A pumpkin table runner, two pumpkin candle holders with candles and a fabric bottle bag containing a bottle of pumpkin crème liquor filled the basket. Vivian was the lucky winner. Connie has volunteered to donate the November drawing prize.

Jann



DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

October was Decorative painting month and TBT had a display in the main library in Concord explaining about what decorative painting is, our local chapter of SDP and our memory box program. A big thank you to Roz B. and Darlene S. for loaning painted pieces for the display.

Cathy and Suzanne

SDP SPRING RETREAT

Join us for the first SDP Retreat in beautiful Fredericksburg, TX. There will be 3 fun filled days of painting with 3 of the best teachers. Mark your calendars and start making arrangements. If three days of painting is not enough. Fredericksburg is located in the heart of wine country and has 150 shops with a wealth of antiques, art and home decor waiting for you

Retreat Information

Be sure to reserve your hotel space by going to www.fredericksburg-inn.com click "Book Now" select the dates then be sure to enter in the code "PAINTERS" SDP Room Rate is \$99 which includes breakfast!

Class Information

This Retreat will have 3 teachers featuring a different project each day. Take classes from one teacher only or switch it up and select a new teacher each day. Teachers that will be teaching are Shara Reiner CDA, Linda Sharp CDA and Marian Jackson, MDA

Hotel is located within walking distance of down town historic Fredericksburg in the heart of Texas Hill Country, Fredericksburg Inn & Suites offers a guest experience and ambience second to none. Nestled on 5 beautiful acres along Barons Creek, the hotel provides a relaxing scenic environment for all of their guests.

Registration Opens

Friday, November 1, at 9am Central.

3 Days of Painting ...

3 Amazing Teachers...

9 Incredible Projects to choose from...

1 Banquet featuring IMSDP Collection...

1 City in Wine Country with over 150 Boutiques....

Don't Miss This

Space Limited!

Fredericksburg, Texas

You can go to www.decorativepainters.org and Click on the Events tab and the 2020 Spring Retreat will come up.



TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
October 15, 2019

(Note: No Board meeting. The General meeting was late starting as members selected unfinished wood pieces from Shirley I.)

The meeting was called to order by President Connie O. at 7:30 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published (Luci F./Karen V.).

Nominations – Luci F. requested volunteers/nominations for the various club offices. Most indicated they would continue in their current positions. Trish B. volunteered to serve as President in 2020, as well as Newsletter Editor, and Karen V. and Connie O. volunteered for Seminars. The slate of officers will be voted on at the November meeting.

Programs – Marianne S. requested teachers for the January and February meetings. She has projects lined up for the three Saturday meetings. The November program next month is a pen and ink chickadee on a note card and will be taught by Jann O.

Ornament Frenzy – Cathy McC. brought in left-over paints from the Frenzy for members.

Membership – Karen V. is collecting dues for 2020 which are due now.

Martinez Home Tour – Vivian R. advised several members had indicated they would participate again this year but were unable to do so, so Vivian went by herself. One person expressed interest in joining our club. TBT was advertised in the tour brochure and on their Facebook page. She will ask for volunteers again next year.

Suzanne O. advised Roz B. has been in the hospital and expects to go home tomorrow.

Awards and Recognition – Carrie G. passed out angel pins to Connie O., Vivian R., Trish B., Lisa S., and Luci F. for their work at the Bunco fundraiser.

2021 Anniversary Party – Karen asked that a committee be established to plan our 25th Anniversary party.

Special Drawing – Suzanne O. drew the winning ticket belonging to Vivian R. The prize, donated by Marianne S., was a basket containing handmade Halloween table runners and a wine holder all made by her son.

Hospitality – Barbara B. circulated the Hospitality book.

Ornament Exchange – The Halloween ornament exchange followed and the ornaments were circulated. Vivian R. suggested we hold an annual ornament frenzy on a Saturday and alternate between Christmas and Halloween ornaments.

Special Prize – Trish B. made a special prize consisting of Frankenstein earrings, won by Connie O.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm to a Frankie pin (or magnet) project taught by Trish B.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2020 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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

Seminars/Paint-ins: Karen V. and Connie O.
Nominating Committee: Luci F.
Parliamentarian: Cathy McC.
Rewards/Recognition: Carrie G.
Sunshine: Holley Y.
Website: Loretta M.
Publicity: Vivian R.

Luci



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.

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

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

Hello to everyone! We're almost home, now it depends on the weather.

We've had a wonderful experience. Learned a lot about the Mississippi River and met great travel companions.

A very Happy Birthday to all of our November members – Lisa S., Luci F., Trish B. and Sue P. And hope all the December members Marianne S., Valerie P. and Pam V. have a very Happy Birthday as well.

Holley Y.



HOSPITALITY

Hospitality for November

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

Beverages: Vivian R. and Karen V.

Ice: Cathy Mc.

Barbara B.



TBT 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

November 17th- Planning Meeting, First Lutheran Church 1-4pm

November 19th- Regular Tuesday meeting

December 17th- Christmas Installation Dinner

TIPS, HINTS and GOOD STUFF TO SHARE

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