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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome Fall! The cooler days and nights are a relief from the hot summer days we have been having. Soon the sights and smells of Fall will be in the air; rain fresh days, pumpkins, fall leaves and pumpkin pie to name a few.

Our Ornament Frenzy on September 28th was a fun filled day. Thank you, Cathy McC., for putting together the Frenzy, we appreciate your hard work to plan this event. Karen V., Jeanie S. and Loretta M. taught four very cute Christmas ornaments. Thank you, ladies, for the great job and fun ornaments. We had a ton of good fun and I don't think anyone went away hungry. The dessert table was overwhelming with possibilities to choose from. Thanks to Cathy and Vivian for planning and preparing the food for us. Great job by all and a fun day. Suzanne O.'s friend Diane won the raffle prize and didn't not realize until she got home and opened the prize bag that it contained a gift certificate. She was thrilled and wanted to say thank you for the prize and the fun day.

We will be having our October Ornament Exchange. If you plan to participate, please bring your ornament in a plain brown bag.

Trish will be teaching a cute Frankenstein domino at our October meeting. Come join in the fun to paint your own little Frankenstein.

Cathy McC. will be checking to see if a representative from Mobility Matters will be able to come to our November meeting. If they can, we will be presenting them with our donation.

Our planning meeting for 2020, yes, I said 2020, yikes!, is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Church. Thank you, Darlene, for looking ahead and making sure we got it scheduled on the Church's calendar.

Connie



PROGRAMS



Trish B. will be teaching our October meeting project. You won't want to miss this cute little Frankenstein domino pin. Please bring your regular painting supplies including a small dry brush, liner, 1/2" shading brush or favorite shading brush and maybe a couple small round brushes. Trish will be supplying all the paint, dominoes and magnets and pin backs. The cost of this project will be \$2.00.

We will also have a Halloween ornament exchange. If you wish to participate, please bring your hand painted ornament in a plain brown paper bag and give it to me when you arrive at the meeting. It's always fun to see all the ornaments that members make. As always this is **strictly voluntary**.

Hope to see everyone there.

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

Our September drawing prize was generously donated by Darlene S. The bag of goodies topped with Halloween candy was won by Diane B., our Frenzy guest and potential new member. Marianne has volunteered to donate the October drawing prize

Jann



SEMINARS

The ornament frenzy was a great day of painting four different Christmas ornaments. Thanks to our instructors: Jeanie S, Loretta M and Karen V (who taught two ornaments).

Special thanks to : the food committee (Vivian and Luci), Carrie for the name tags, Jann for all her help with the domino pins, Vivian (again for securing the venue and doing the tables and chairs set up with her family), Barb B for coming in early to do the food prep and everyone who stayed and helped with the cleanup. And thanks to Roz for making her Turtles (hot chocolate, whipped cream and Butter Shots): which about 18 of us drank and enjoyed. It went so much quicker with everyone pitching in.

At our October meeting we will have all the leftover paint available if people want to bring cubbies to get some paint to finish their ornaments. This does not include the retired paints that the instructors supplied to painters out of their own supply and that were not available for us to purchase or Royal Purple.

Cathy



DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

If you are in Concord this month, stop by the Concord Main Library at 2900 Salvio Street to check out TBT's display in celebration of Decorative Painting Month (October). On display are memory boxes and painted pieces loaned to the display by members in addition to information explaining who we are, when we meet, and how to contact us if anyone is interested in decorative painting.

Cathy and Suzanne

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

No meeting was held in September due to the Ornament Frenzy.
Editors Note.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2020 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Our Chapter needs YOU!! It is nomination time. Would you like to volunteer to hold a position as a Chapter Officer or Board Position? Please let me know if you have any nominations for Officers or Board members. Contact Luci F. Her contact information is in the handbook.

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

Happy Birthday to you all celebrating in the month of October- Judy H., Kathy G., Barbara B., Bonnie S. and Cheryl R. And Happy Birthday to you all who are celebrating in the month of November- Trish B., Luci F., Sue P. and Lisa S. Hope everyone has a wonderful day celebrating YOU!

Holley Y.



HOSPITALITY

Snacks: Carrie G. Marianne S. and Luci F.
Beverages Darlene S.
Ice: Darlene S.
Thanks everyone, See you there!!

Barbara B.



TBT 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

October 15th - Regular Tuesday meeting
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

Everyone loved the Strata's that Vivian and Jeff made for the Ornament Frenzy and they wanted the recipe. So here ya go!!

Sausage Strata

Ingredients:

1 lb. pork breakfast sausage
6 (1oz) slices of bread, cubed
2 C shredded cheese (I used a taco blend)
6 eggs
2 C milk
1 t salt
1 t Ground dry mustard

Directions:

1. Brown sausage in a skillet over medium heat
2. Layer bread, sausage, and cheese in a 7"x11" baking dish
3. Beat together eggs, milk, salt, and mustard
4. Pour egg mixture over bread mixture. Sprinkle 1 oz of shredded cheese on top for decoration
5. Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours
6. Remove casserole from the refrigerator and let stand for 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°
7. Bake uncovered for 50-60 minutes until a knife comes out clean.
8. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Option: Substitute for Sausage:

6 oz fresh spinach leaves, washed
1 can (8 oz) mushroom stems and pieces, drained
1 t ground black pepper

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