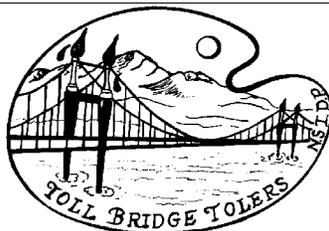


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Labor Day! Hope you all had a safe and fun Labor Day. September has rolled in bringing along with it a heat wave. One of which I personally can do without. I am looking forward to our Fall weather but find it hard to believe we are in September.

We will not have a normal Chapter meeting this month, but instead will have our Ornament Frenzy on Saturday, September 28th from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall in Martinez. Cathy has handed out the ornament packets with prep instructions. Scary to think we will be putting up that tree soon to hang our newly painted ornaments on.

Our "Down the Rabbit Hole" Bunko was another great success. I would like to thank all of you who helped with donations, setting up for the event and staying to clean up afterwards. Special thanks to Cathy for having wonderful decorations, to Trish for organizing the food, to Suzanne for coordinating the tables, to Vivian for sewing the silverware pouches, Darlene for securing the venue and last but not least to Loretta for the truffles and dice boxes. Year after year everyone steps up to make this a wonderful event and those attending are asking for the date of the next one before they leave. This is a great statement on our Chapter and our teamwork in putting on this event. Thank you!

Our planning meeting for 2020, yes, I said 2020, yikes!, is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, 2020 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

Well it looks like summer is coming to an end! Kids are going back to school and the days are getting shorter. Now if we can only cool things down with Indian Summer on the way.

We had 2 fun events this summer starting with our annual BBQ at Loretta and Robert's. There was a great turnout with 20 members as well as some husbands in attendance. As always there was more food than we could consume in one day. A big "Thank You" to Loretta and Robert for their warm hospitality! If you have never attended the BBQ before, you should come and enjoy!

Our Bunko fundraiser was another success! A big "Thank You" goes out to Cathy Mc and her helpers for the wonderful decorations this year! Between the food, "Alice in Wonderland – Down the Rabbit Hole" decorations and donated raffle prizes our members seem to outdo themselves year after year. And "Thank You" to Karen V. and Terri H. for putting together the fabulous raffle prizes. Not to be forgotten, "Thank You" Trish B for coordinating the delicious food as well as her serving and clean-up crew.

Our bi-annual Ornament Frenzy is being held on Saturday September 28th in Martinez and will replace our regular September meeting and program.



Trish B. will be teaching our October meeting project. You won't want to miss this cute little Frankenstein (and maybe a Mrs. Frankenstein too) domino pin or magnet. We will also have a Halloween ornament exchange so start thinking about what you would like to bring for this fun event. Your ornament should be hand painted and as always is strictly voluntary. Please place your ornaments in a plain brown paper bag and give it to me when you arrive at the meeting.

Marianne



MEMBERSHIP

It is that time again to renew our annual national and chapter membership dues. Renew your national dues by September 30th to take advantage of three free patterns the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP) is offering from Carol Spohn, Kathy Swigon, and Prudy Vannier. Pictures of the projects are on page 6 of the Fall 2019 magazine. The projects are great and a nice bonus for renewing by the end of the month. 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 – the application form to (316) 269-9191 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 or mail the form and check. Mail should be sent to Toll Bridge Tolers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553 or bring it to me at our Ornament Frenzy or at a chapter meeting.

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

Karen



WAYS AND MEANS

We had two drawing prizes at our July picnic. Roz and Karen donated a beautifully decorated box which held a super cute hand painted Halloween tin pocket containing two \$25.00 Hobby Lobby gift cards. Hostess Loretta was the lucky winner. A beautiful plate painted by Merlene for Liz D was our special drawing donation and it was won by Roz. Darlene will be donating the September drawing prize.

Jann

Have a safe Labor Day



SEMINARS

Those of you who signed up for the Ornament Frenzy, I have already distributed the wood and prep instructions. Please prep the ornaments before coming to the frenzy. The frenzy is Saturday September 28th from 8:30 am to 5 pm at the VFW Hall located at 930 Ward Street Martinez. There should be plenty of street parking since it is on a Saturday. The entrance as you face the front doorway to the building is on the far right corner on the ground floor. You do not go up the stairs to the main entrance. We will have a light breakfast and lunch but if you require special food or drinks please bring them with you. All of the paint will be provided.

Looking forward to another fun Ornament frenzy with our instructors: Jeanie S, Loretta M. and Karen V.

We have scheduled Tami Carmody Seminars on June 13 & 14th, 2020. We will select what pieces we would like her to teach at our January 2020 meeting.

I have had a second request for a seminar from Linda Sharp, so will also be contacting her about her teaching schedule. Finally, I am looking in advance for someone who would like to take over as seminar chair after 2020. We can co-chair next year and I would be more than happy to assist with future events.

Cathy McC



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Again, we did a wonderful job for our communities. Bunko was so much fun. We are in good shape with memory boxes. But I always like to have a reserve, so if you want to paint, I would love to have your beautiful creations. Thank you for your caring and painting.

Roselyn



ANNUAL BUNKO FUNDRAISER

Alice in Wonderland – Down the Rabbit Hole Bunko was another successful chapter event. The decorations were amazing, and the theme was present everywhere in every detail. Cathy and her committee did a fabulous job transforming the room into a magical afternoon. Everyone seemed to enjoy the new venue.

We had a fabulous lunch with wonderful salads, sandwiches and delicious desserts with a fun day of bunko! Thanks to Trish and her committee for serving up a tasty faire.

We played 4 fun rounds of bunko with raffle prize drawings between rounds. We had a 3 way tie for the most wins and one winner for the most bunkos. Thanks to Connie for organizing the bunko play.

We had over 100 wonderful raffle prizes and collected over \$1,700 in raffle tickets. It will be a great donation to our chosen charity Mobility Matters - Rides for Veterans and Seniors. Thank you to Karen and her committee for organizing and decorating the raffle prizes. Thanks to Lisa and Valerie for selling the raffle tickets.

Thank you to Darlene for helping secure the venue and her support in opening and closing the gym.

Thank you to everyone for all their hard work, contributions, and donations to make this annual event successful. Our guests talked about how they look forward to it and helping a charity makes it all worthwhile.

*Cathy, Trish, Connie, and Karen
Committee Chairs*

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

There was not a meeting at our July BBQ at Loretta's and no meeting at the Bunko Fundraiser.



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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SUNSHINE

Sending some wonderful birthday wishes to our September gals, Roni M., Donna S., and Sue S. And more birthday wishes to our October gals, Judy H., Kathy G., Barb B., Bonnie S. and Cheryl R. Hope you all have a great day celebrating !

Holley Y.



HOSPITALITY

Hard to believe fall is here ALREADY. As the meeting will be the ornament frenzy, we will see you all there. Thanks!

Barbara B.



TBT 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

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