

# The Painting



# Connection

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a small group for our Saturday March meeting. We all painted backpacks for Foster children. We celebrated Jann's birthday with a cake that Marianne's husband Robert delivered. Thank you to both of them for a delicious treat that we all enjoyed together. Thank you to Jann for ordering and handing out the backpacks to the members who could not stay for the meeting. Many members took them home to work on and finish.

The results of the Christmas dinner/lunch were totaled and Mangia Bene had the most votes. Lunch was also the majority. I contacted them and they have reserved the back room for us on December 12, 2020. They said they were not certain what the future holds for them due to the coronavirus. I will be checking back with them periodically over the next few months to make sure we will be able to have our luncheon.

As you all know, we have decided to cancel our April meeting due to the coronavirus. I am hopeful that we will be able to have our Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting at the church. Jann will be teaching a beautiful colored pencil pillow. The sign up sheet is in the back of this newsletter. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during this difficult time. These are challenging times but it's very important for everyone to follow the stay at home guidelines. I have been sewing some masks for family and friends to help me stay busy. It has been very therapeutic for me. I hope you all have found some time to pull out your paint brushes and get creative. If not the paint brushes, some other craft to keep those hands busy. I miss all of you and hope to see you all soon. Take care.

"Each day provides its own gifts." —*Marcus Aurelius*

*Trish*





## PROGRAMS

I hope that everyone is safe and healthy during this unusual time. As I'm sure you are all aware, there will be no April meeting due to the COVID19 guidelines regarding social gatherings.

Hopefully, the continued self-quarantine will allow us to meet in May. Scheduled for May Jann O. will be teaching us a "Summer Wreath" pillow cover. If you plan to attend this class, please complete the Registration sheet at the end of the newsletter. Payment is required in advance (you can mail me a check with your registration) and obviously it would be refunded if the event is cancelled.

On March 14, we had a small group in attendance where we painted backpacks for foster children. Check the TBT website for pictures of the completed backpacks.

I miss you all and look forward to seeing you soon.

*Marianne*



## MEMBERSHIP

We have wonderful projects scheduled for this year and would love to have new members enjoy them with us. Invite a friend to join us for one of our meeting or events. The TBT Handbook was handed out at our meeting. If you notice any information that needs to be corrected or updated, please e-mail me and let me know. The handbook will also be available at our March meeting. If you did not get a handbook and will not be at our March meeting and would like one mailed to you, please send me an email.

Chapter dues are \$15 for 2020 and the National renewal dues are \$60. You can access the chapter Membership Application form on our website at [www.tollbridgetolers.org](http://www.tollbridgetolers.org) . Mail a check and the form to Toll Bridge Tolers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553 or bring it to a meeting. The Society of Decorative Painters dues needs to be paid directly to the Society. You can submit payment on their website at [www.decorativepainters.org](http://www.decorativepainters.org). Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance.

*Karen*



## WAYS AND MEANS

A spring basket was donated by Barb B. for our March drawing prize. The basket was a cute newspaper basket, a stuffed rabbit, a welcome sign with two rabbits, spring notecards, salad tongs, a carton with little gift eggs, two tea towels and a \$25 gift card to Jo-Ann's. Cathy M. was the lucky winner and described it as a "great basket!". The next drawing will be at our May meeting is being donated by the Fairfield crew – Kathy, Judy and Torie.

*Jann*



## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

No awards were handed out at the March meeting. Please let me know if you would like to recognize a member for going the extra mile.

*Carrie*



## SEMINARS

Mark your calendars and save the date - we have Tami Carmody coming on June 13-14, 2020 to the Veteran's Hall in downtown Martinez. The projects selected are a beautiful and colorful Fall glass block with ribbon and lights and a beautiful glass hummingbird feeder with a hummingbird on it. Sign-ups will be sent out shortly. Join us and invite a friend!



*Karen and Connie*



## ANNUAL BUNCO FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars for our annual bunko event. It is August 29th in the church multi-use room. Start thinking about and painting raffle prizes. Our theme this year is "Alice and the Queen of Hearts Garden Party". It was so much fun last year that we decided to do a similar theme this year. We will have tickets in the near future and they will be same price of \$25 for a fun afternoon of lunch, bunko and raffles.

*Karen*



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Do hope everyone is doing well. Thank you for the beautiful memory boxes. Stay well. Hope to see you soon.

Roz

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
Saturday, March 14, 2020

Present – Marianne S., Barbara B., Loretta M., Cathy McC., Karen V., Trish B., Jann O., Darlene S.

The meeting was called to order by President Trish B. at 10:08 am with a quorum present. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter (Jann O./Marianne S.).

2020 Charity Nominations – Trish advised three charities have been nominated so far. They are The Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank, Animal Rescue Foundation and the Monument Crisis Center. Additional nominations and a final vote will be taken at the May meeting.

Christmas Lunch – Twenty members responded to the questionnaire regarding the location and time of the December lunch. Four members chose the Buttercup Grill and the remainder chose Mangia Bene in Martinez at lunchtime. It was agreed that we will hold the Christmas lunch at 11:30 am on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Trish has contacted Mangia Bene and it is available on that date and time.

Membership – Karen V. had no report. She did note that two returning members have yet to pay their 2020 dues.

County Fair – Karen advised the fair will be held May 14-17, 2020 and the deadline for submitting entries is April 10. She plans to attend on Friday with memory boxes, TBT cards and information regarding the Bunco fundraiser.

May Meeting – Trish asked members to sign-up for the May Saturday meeting project that is a colored pencil pillow taught by Jann O.

Art Prints – Vivian R. obtained several original art prints with certificates of authenticity from her last cruise and they are available to anyone who would like one.

Correspondence – Trish read a thank you card from Barbara B. acknowledging our support and including some Door Dash gift cards.

Seminars – Karen advised the registration fees for the June 13-14 Tami Carmody seminar including the surfaces are \$53 for Saturday and \$52 for Sunday at the Veterans Hall in Martinez. A minimum deposit of \$25 is due by May 1<sup>st</sup> with the balance due by June 5<sup>th</sup>. A minimum of 18 people is needed to break even.

Mobility Matters – Cathy McC. saw this group recently and they were distributing the flashlights to their volunteers that they purchased with our 2019 donation.

Special Drawing – Barbara B. donated the special drawing basket contained a variety of items including a \$25 gift card for Joann's and an Easter bunny. The prize was won by Cathy McC.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am to painting backpacks for foster children.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 all of our members who celebrate their birthday in April- Jeanne P. and Karen V. And Happy Birthday to Connie who celebrates her special day in May.

I know everyone is doing their part in staying home and working on UFO's. Just glad I brought some with me as I'm still in Arizona, and if I somehow get done there's a pile of rocks outside. Stay safe and healthy

*Holley*



## TIPS, HINTS and MARKETPLACE

Do you have a special hint or trick you use while painting? Or an organizing tip? Email anything you would like to share with our members to Trish B. or to [tbtnewsletter@comcast.net](mailto:tbtnewsletter@comcast.net)



## TBT 2020 IMPORTANT DATES

April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday Regular meeting.....this meeting has been cancelled
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Meeting
June 13-14	Tami Carmody Seminar
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Regular Meeting
July ??	BBQ at Loretta's
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Bunko Fundraiser at First Lutheran Gym
Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday meeting Halloween Ornaments (3 of them, in place of Frenzy)
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Regular meeting
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Regular meeting
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Installation Christmas 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



**REGISTRATION FORM FOR MAY 2020 SATURDAY MEETING PROGRAM  
PILLOW COVER TAUGHT BY JANN O.**

Pattern: Summer Wreath by Kathy Swigon

Date: May 16, 2020

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: First Lutheran Church (regular meeting place)

Price is \$20.00 which will include 14 1/2 size prismacolor pencils  
16x16 pillow cover  
backing board  
Jo Sonja textile medium in a paint cup

Members need to bring a black identi-pen  
Pencil Sharpener  
small brush - #2 to #6 round or flat  
soft pencil eraser  
water bucket and paper towels  
soft cloth or tissues to protect surface from hand oils

Once the registration form and \$20.00 is received a copy of the pattern will be sent by email for download. DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP IS MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>.

Questions: Contact Marianne Simpson by email: [maritoler@comcast.net](mailto:maritoler@comcast.net)  
or cell (925)354-1846

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Please make checks payable to Toll Bridge Tolers and mail this form plus payment to Marianne Simpson (address is in Chapter booklet) or you may bring them to the March or April meeting.