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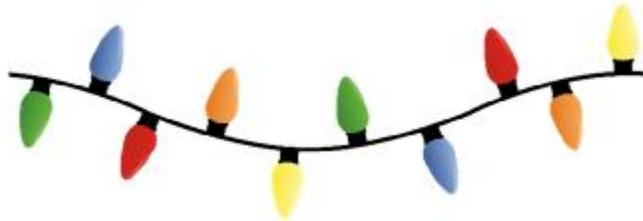
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My goodness, its December already? Crazy. Time has flown by. I am hoping you are all safe and staying healthy during these times. We have planned out our year for 2021 at our Planning meeting in November. It will be adjusted as we go along as needed. For right now, Zoom meetings will be the way to go. This is an excellent opportunity to get us all connected with each other. Our first meeting for January will be a "Get to know the Zoom platform" and how it all works.

Our December luncheon is happening on Saturday, December 12th at 1pm. I hope everyone can attend the Zoom meeting. Get your lunch and drink and we will be exchanging Christmas Ornaments for those who are participating. This is all new to most of us and I hope we can all come together and spend some time enjoying each other and share what we have been working on. Please plan on attending.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the board and committee members who have stuck it out this year and said they would continue to fill their positions for next year. We have a wonderful year planned for you all. Some really nice projects to do and another community service project painting backpacks for Foster Children. Hoping we can hold our Annual Bunko Fundraiser too. Looking forward to 2021 and sharing our love of art and painting.

*Trish
President*



MEMBERSHIP

We have a new member joining our chapter – Diana B. She is friends with Suzanne O. and joined our chapter for 2021. Welcome Diana!! We also welcome back Tamara M. and DJ. It is wonderful to have them back as members again!

You can still invite friends, students, or anyone interested in decorative painting to join our chapter.

There is no cost for chapter dues for 2021 as long as they are member of the National Society of Decorative Painters (SDP). A Toll Bridge Toler Membership Application needs to be submitted for record keeping. One is available at the end of the newsletter and on our chapter website. Mail the membership application to: Toll Bridge Toler, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553-0267
The 2021 SDP renewal dues are \$60 annually. New members can join SDP and get a Trial membership for \$40 for the first year and student memberships for full time students is available for \$20 annually. The Society of Decorative Painters dues need to be paid directly to the SDP. You can submit payment on their website at www.decorativepainters.org or call them and they will assist you with payment. Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance.

Karen
VP Membership



PROGRAMS

As we say goodbye to 2020, we look forward to a Happy and Healthy New Year!

We have some great programs in the works for 2021. All our meeting programs are covered except for the May meeting. We desperately need someone to volunteer to teach the May meeting program. Please contact me as soon as possible!

Happy Holidays to all and look forward to seeing everyone as soon as we are able.

Marianne
VP Programs



SEMINARS AND EVENTS

Seminars and Events

- Tami Carmody Seminar – scheduled for June 19th and 20th 2020.
- Bunko Luncheon & Fundraiser – scheduled for September 18th 2020.
- Holiday Ornament Frenzy – scheduled for October 16th 2020.
- 25th Anniversary Celebration – on hold until we can all celebrate in person

Seminars

We have a date with Tami Carmody to paint her gorgeous glass Fall block and glass hummingbird feeder. We will be painting with Tami on June 19th and 20th. We will have sign-ups in the near future with more information and the cost.

Bunko 2021

Our Bunko Fundraiser will be September 18th in the church gym. We are hopeful we will be able to gather, play bunko, enjoy lunch and raffle fabulous prizes. Keep your fingers crossed that we can hold this fun event.

Holiday Ornament Frenzy 2021

The Holiday Ornament Frenzy will be October 16th. We are looking for 3 teachers to submit an ornament to teach that will take 2 hours or less to paint at the Frenzy. Teachers need to get permission to teach the project from the artist if it is not their original design. You can submit a picture of your ornament to Trish or Karen.

Toll Bridge Tolers 25th Anniversary Party

Our 25th Anniversary is coming up in 2020. We are looking to put together a planning committee to plan this wonderful event. Please contact Karen or Connie to be on this committee. We are planning on having the party in 2022 due to restrictions of Covid. We think this really needs to be a in person event to enjoy our accomplishments and celebrate!

*Karen & Connie
Co-Seminar Chairs*



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Happy Holidays. You all painted some beautiful Memory Boxes this year. I have a good supply to give to the Regional Center. I have unpainted boxes if anyone would wish for one. Please contact me. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Stay safe.

*Roz
Community Service*



TBT HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Our Holiday celebration/luncheon will be held by Zoom on December 12, 2020. Thank you to all that participated in the ornament exchange. Please wait until the luncheon to open your package. Get you lunch and a drink ready for a fun time exchanging ornaments and some wonderful chit chat. We will be sending out the Zoom meeting information in a separate email for everyone. If you have any questions, please let us know. Looking forward to this meeting with you all.

Karen, Trish and Marianne

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

**First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
November 15, 2020 via Zoom**

Present: Karen V., Suzanne O., Darlene S., Holley Y., Jann O., Luci F., Agnes K-D., Trish B., Marianne S.

The meeting was called to order by President Trish B. at 1:30 pm

Trish suggested doing the regular monthly third Tuesday meetings by Zoom and the Church gym for Saturday meetings. It was agreed to have a Christmas ornament frenzy with three ornaments taught.

Programs - Karen has spoken to Tami Carmody and she would be available on June 19-20, 2021 or August 28-29, 2021. It was suggested we move Bunco to September and the ornament frenzy to either October or November. Jann recommended we plan the 2021 schedule with the understanding we may have to cancel due to Covid-19. It was agreed to hold the ornament frenzy on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the Veterans' Hall in Martinez if we can schedule the room. Bunco will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 if the Church gym is available. Darlene will confirm the room is available with the Church. The Tami Carmody seminar will be Saturday and Sunday June 19-20, 2021 at the Veterans' Hall if we can schedule the room. Trish will send out an email seeking teachers for the frenzy.

Jann's pillow project will be done on Saturday, August 14 via Zoom with a limit of 20 people and a cost of \$20. Pre-signup will be required. She has the pillows and Prism colored pencils. Arrangements will be made for participants to pick up the pillows and pencils at Jann's or Karen's home. Karen offered to teach a pen and ink project on April 20, 2021 on either watercolor paper or wood via Zoom. Trish will teach a door hanger maple leaf project on November 16, 2021 on Zoom. The December 11, 2020 Christmas gathering will be either on Zoom or some other arrangement. The July 10, 2021 picnic may be held at a park. Jann has 24 backpacks for us to paint again for foster children either at Church if the room is available, on Zoom or on our own. They would also be picked up at Jann's or Karen's home. Marianne offered to teach her recipe holder at the Tuesday, February 16, 2021 meeting. The January 19, 2021 meeting will start at 6:00 pm via Zoom and will be informational only advising members what is being planned for the year. The May 15, 2021 meeting will be in person or on Zoom and Trish will find a teacher.

Meeting Time – It was suggested that the Tuesday meetings start at 6:00 pm rather than 7:00 pm. If that doesn't work out it can be changed. Notify Trish if there is a problem.

Debbie Cole Interview – Trish was interviewed by Debbie Cole which can be found on Creative Innovations, Unit 7. Debbie was impressed with our Chapter's activities and offered to donate some of her artwork to be raffled for charity. This will be explored further.

Information – The Las Vegas and Reno conventions have been cancelled. Vivian R. is moving to Washington and will be missed.

Video Equipment – Jann has been in touch with Linda Sharp regarding video equipment for our Chapter to use for classes. There is sufficient money in our treasury to purchase what we need. Linda knows what to get and will share that information and the cost with Jann who estimates a total of about \$1,600. We would also need a video camera which is better for Zoom. Karen proposed we discuss this at the January meeting and approve \$2,500 to purchase the necessary equipment. Jann will explore this further with video camera stores.

2021 Budget – Jann discussed the budget and suggested the Chapter purchase our own annual Zoom subscription and she will follow up on a one year subscription. Trish will check with Loretta M. regarding renewing our domain fee.

2021 Officers – The current officers will continue in their positions for 2021.

Special Drawing Prizes – Karen will use items from Shirley I's. stash for next year's prizes.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

2020 EXECUTIVE 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: Connie O.
Rewards/Recognition: Carrie G.
Sunshine: Holley Y.
Website: Loretta M.
Publicity: Vivian R.



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 berts4@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 berts4@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 Marianne and Marie V. who celebrates their special day in December.

Happy Birthday to Loretta and Jo I. who celebrate in January.
Hope you all have a wonderful day celebrating YOU!

2020 is almost over here's to a wonderful 2021 🎄

Holley
Sunshine



HOSPITALITY

Hello everyone! first of all, I miss you all so much. Not much for Hospitality to do except remember our wonderful meetings and great treats you all provided. May next year be kinder to us all!!!! Cheers

*Barb B.
Hospitality*



TBT 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

- January regular meeting- Zoom Tuesday January 19, 2021 Get to know Zoom
- February regular meeting- Zoom Tuesday February 16, 2021 Marianne teaching recipe holder
- March Saturday Meeting- Zoom Saturday March 20, 2021- Jann, painting backpacks for Foster children
- April regular meeting- Zoom Tuesday April 20, 2021 Karen- Pen and Ink card
- May Saturday meeting- Zoom or in person Saturday May 15, 2021 NEED Teacher
- June- Tami Carmody Seminar- June 19-20 2021- Either the church or Veterans Hall both days
- July – Open for picnic/ social distance TBD- temporarily scheduled for Saturday July 10, 2021
- August- Saturday Meeting- Zoom Saturday August 14,2021 Jann teaching a colored pencil pillow
- September- Annual Bunko Fundraiser- Saturday September 18,2021
- October- Ornament Frenzy- Saturday October 16, 2021- TBD Veterans Hall(hopefully)
- November- Regular Meeting- Zoom or in person- Tuesday November 16, 2021 Trish Maple leaf door hanger
- December- Annual Christmas Luncheon- Location TBD Saturday December 11, 2021



MEMBER REQUEST/HELP

Suzanne is asking if anyone is willing to store a few bins of Bunco decorations while she is getting her kitchen remodeled. She needs her shed to store her kitchen away while the work is being done. After its finished, she can put it back. Just needs a little bit of time to store it, so its temporary. Please contact Suzanne directly if you are willing to help out. Thank you!

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.

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS 2021 MEETING DATES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, California

January 19, 2021	Regular Tuesday Meeting ZOOM – Will be getting to know Zoom
February 16, 2021	Regular Tuesday Meeting ZOOM – Marianne teaching a recipe card holder
March 20, 2021	Saturday Meeting ZOOM or on own – Jann, Backpacks for Foster children
April 20, 2021	Regular Tuesday Meeting ZOOM – Karen Pen and Ink card
May 15, 2021	Saturday meeting ZOOM (could be in person) NEED TEACHER
June 19 & 20,2021	Tami Carmody Seminar (Hope to have at Veterans Hall in Martinez)
July 10,2021	Open for Picnic, social distancing- TBD on location
August 14, 2021	Saturday Meeting- Jann Colored Pencil pillow case
September 18,2021	Annual Bunko Fundraiser at Church Gymnasium
October 16, 2021	Ornament Frenzy Veterans Hall (Hopefully)
November 16,2021	Regular Tuesday Meeting – Trish Fall project
December 11,2021	Christmas Installation Luncheon TBD on location Either by Zoom or in person

** Regular Tuesday meetings will begin at 6:00pm (as of right now. Might change if some cant make it)

**Saturday Meetings will begin at 10:00am to 4:00pm

Seminars start time will be determined soon.



TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2021

Dues are **\$0** for 2021

You must submit a completed application and be a member of the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP)
Membership Application should be submitted by November 1st

SDP# _____ Birth Month and Day: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact Phone Number: (_____) _____

Are you a new Member? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a member of other chapters? Yes _____ No _____ Name(s): _____

Are you a decorative painting teacher? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what mediums: _____

You must be a current member of the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP)-www.decorativepainters.org

Current copy of your SDP membership card or SDP confirmation should accompany this application form and return to:

Toll Bridge Tolars
P. O. Box 2671
Martinez, CA 94553-0267

Is it Okay to publish your information in our chapter handbook and membership list? **Yes or NO**

This is only provided to the SDP and current chapter members and will not be distributed.

For TBT VP-Membership Use Only

Date received: _____

Check # Not Applicable for 2021

Cash Not Applicable for 2021