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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a wonderful start to the New Year with Karen teaching a beautiful Gail Anderson design on small candle lids that were from Shirley's stash. Everyone had a good time painting and most everyone finished theirs. I certainly felt Shirley in the room while we all painted and had many memories of her. Thank you Karen for a wonderful Program.

Luci will be teaching this month's Program. It will be a really cute little gourd vase with a Valentine's Day theme. Hope you all can join us and attend the meeting, which is on Tuesday, February 11th, 2020. It is one week early this month due to a lot of members attending the Las Vegas convention.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Bunko Fundraiser this year. It will be held on Saturday August 29th, 2020 at the Church's gymnasium. Get your brushes and imaginations out and start painting for Bunko donations. As a reminder, when you bring in donations for Bunko, please go to the website and download the Bunko donation form to accompany your donation. We want to make sure we credit the proper member when assembling the baskets. Please bring your nominations for our 2020 charities to the February meeting.

We voted on the Tami Carmody seminar projects that is on June 13th and 14th, 2020. The Fall Brick project was 1st and the Humming bird feeder was 2nd. They are two very pretty pieces.

I want to say a big thank you to Karen for helping me get through my first meeting as President. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions.

Trish



PROGRAMS

I want to thank Karen V. for teaching a great program at our January meeting. For those not in attendance, Karen taught a candle dish from Shirley's stash with a Gail Andersen design on the top. Everyone had a wonderful time and were able to finish their projects.



Our February meeting is being held on February 11th which is one week early as many of us are going to be in Las Vegas for the convention the week of the 16th. Lucy F. will be teaching a small gourd vase for Valentine's day. The cost of the project will be \$2.00 for the gourds. Please bring your regular painting supplies including a rake brush if you want to add hash marks to your vase. Lucy will have some paints with her, but you can bring your favorite pinks, reds, purples and white paint too.



Our March program is on Saturday, March 14th from 10:00 to 4:00 at our regular meeting place. We will be painting back packs for children being removed from their homes and placed in foster care. Jann has the back packs in various colors. The back packs are lightweight and appropriate for children ages preschool to 10 years. Please start gathering patterns keeping in mind that age group and bring the acrylic paints needed for those patterns. Jann suggests also bringing buttermilk, bleached sand or warm white paints to undercoat your designs. Jann will have some samples of back packs she has painted to the February meeting to give you an idea of what's expected.

I'm still looking for a volunteer to teach a simple project at our June meeting. Please contact me if you're interested.

Marianne



MEMBERSHIP

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

Holley Y. donated our January basket which was filled with hot chocolate, candy, coasters, a mug and more. Thank you Holley! Lisa S. was the lucky winner. The February drawing offering is being donated by Karen V. and Roz B.

Jann



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Cathy McCaughey was recognized and awarded at our January meeting for organizing our 2019 Bunco fundraiser. Great job Cathy and very much appreciated by all.

Carrie



SEMINARS

We have Tami Carmody coming on June 13-14, 2020 at the Veteran's Hall in downtown Martinez. The chapter voted and selected 2 projects. 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. We will be preparing a sign up form in the near future with the costs for the seminar. Mark your calendars and join us and invite a friend!



ANNUAL BUNCO FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars for our annual bunco event. It is August 29th in the church gymnasium. Start pulling raffle prizes together. It is always amazing to see the wonderful prizes people donate. We will be choosing charities in the near future that will benefit from our raffle earnings. Be sure to invite guests and have them put the date on their calendars. It is a really fun day!

Karen

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
January 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Trish B. at 7:15 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed in the December newsletter (Carrie G./Holley Y.).

Charities: Trish asked that nominations for our 2020 charities be brought to the February meeting with information about the charity and the percentage that goes to administrative fees.

Christmas Venue: Trish advised it has been suggested that the event be changed to lunch on a Saturday or Sunday. Suggested locations were the Buttercup Grill on Clayton Road in Concord or Jack's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. Darlene S. will contact the Buttercup for their banquet menu.

Bunco: Volunteers are needed for our annual fundraiser to be held on August 29th at First Lutheran Church, Concord. Karen V. will again do the baskets, Jann O. and Marianne S. will do the food and the Decorations Committee will be Barbara B., Karen V., Lisa S., Luci F. and Carrie G. It was suggested that we consider doing the same theme as last year. Renting a storage unit for the decorations may be explored. Trish also noted we will be having our 25th anniversary in 2021 and the Oakhurst Golf and Country Club in Clayton was suggested. Holley Y. will look into that location for possibly April, 2021. The bunco contract for use of the church gym will be brought to the February meeting.

Membership: Karen V. advised we currently have 26 paid members.

Seminars: The Tami Carmody glass painting seminar is June 13-14, 2020 and the members present were asked to rank the four suggested projects by 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choice. Karen V. tallied the ballots and the Fall Brick project for \$28 was 1st and the Humming Bird Feeder project for \$27 was 2nd.

Programs: Marianne S. advised the Saturday, March 14, 2020, meeting will be painting backpacks for foster children. Jann O. will teach and has purchased the backpacks. More information will be in the February newsletter. Luci F. noted she has contacted Don Graves, head of foster care for the County, and he is excited about this project. The program for the February 11th meeting is a small vase taught by Luci F.

Hospitality: Barbara B. circulated the sign-up book for the February meeting.

Awards and Recognition: Carrie G. presented an award to Cathy McC. for her work on the bunco fundraiser.

Ways and Means: Marianne S. advised Holley Y. donated the Special Drawing prize containing hot chocolate, a cup, candy, etc. and Lisa S. won.

Business Cards: Trish advised Vivian R. had business cards printed for members to use to promote the club.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm to Karen V. teaching a project painting lids with glass bowls from Shirley I.'s stash. She also passed out assorted holiday pins from Shirley's supply.



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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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 our February members- Roz, Teri and Holley.

And Happy Birthday to our March members- Jan V., Jann, Rose Marie, Wendy and Vivian. Hope you have a wonderful day filled with love, laughter and joy!

Holley



HOSPITALITY

Thank you to the members who volunteered to bring something to our February meeting.

Snacks: Sue P., Carrie G., and Trish B.

Beverages, Karen V and Barb B.

Ice: Barb B

Barbara B.



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



TBT 2020 IMPORTANT DATES

February 11 th	Tuesday Regular meeting
March 14 th	Saturday Meeting-
April 21 st	Tuesday Regular meeting
May 16 th	Saturday Meeting
June 13-14	Tami Carmody Seminar
June 16 th	Tuesday Regular Meeting
July ??	BBQ at Loretta's
August 29 th	Annual Bunko Fundraiser at First Lutheran Gym
Sept 12 th	Saturday meeting Halloween Ornaments (3 of them, in place of Frenzy)
October 20 th	Tuesday Regular meeting
November 17 th	Tuesday Regular meeting
December 15 th	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