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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is staying healthy and keeping busy during this time of Shelter in Place. The restrictions are slowly being loosened up and we can now do some retail shopping, along with outdoor dining and go back to church. I have not ventured out to our craft stores yet but I do plan to. I have been busy working on some paint projects and transplanting some succulents that were for my daughter's bridal shower. They were table decorations and gifts for the gals who attended. Now they are in a more permanent home to grow and multiply for her shower next year. Things are changing every week with this pandemic and I hope at some point in the future we can hold our meetings and get together and paint.

We are doing a little something different this month with our newsletter. I hope you enjoy seeing and hearing about what our members have been up during all of this. Thank you to everyone for sharing these.

Trish

LOOK WHAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DOING AND CREATING

Thank you to you all who sent in your pictures and stories to keep us all connected. Hope you enjoy reading this newsletter as much as I did putting it together.

I went back to the older "two column" format this time.
Trish

From Jann O.-

While looking for a pattern for a project I had in mind, I came across the picture and instructions for a project I had enrolled in at Hoot a few years ago. The project was listed as a beginning oil and since I was interested in learning how to paint in oils and thought the design was interesting, I enrolled. What a disaster! I tried to keep up for the first hour, but finally put my brush down and just watched for the rest of the class. Having no oil paints at home and not wanting to invest in them, my canvas has sat in my closet since my return from Ohio. As a fourth grader, my granddaughter has been studying American Indians this year in school and has made acorn mush, woven pine needle baskets and done many of the same projects my sons did when they were in fourth grade. This sweet memory of my boys and the many texts I have been receiving from my granddaughter about her shelter in place home school projects was probably why I actually looked at the pattern rather than ignoring it as I have done for quite some time. I had a small chest that was taking up a lot of room in my wood stash, so I decided to try my hand at converting the pattern to acrylics and to finally

slay that project demon, turning it and that chest into a finished project. Boy, am I glad I did! I had a lot of fun painting and love the finished product. The canvas, of course, is still in the closet – I should just throw it away.



While casually talking about the year ahead on New Year's Eve this year, Jay mentioned that he would like to learn to paint. He had never mentioned this before, so it came as a complete surprise to me. I waited a few weeks before I brought the subject up again, and he said that he was indeed serious and asked if I would give him lessons. I got out my beginning painting lessons from Merlene, and we began. In truth, I thought he would lose interest as soon as we got to floating, but to my surprise he practiced diligently. With the stay at home order, he was unable to play golf so his days became a split between wood working in the morning and painting in the afternoon. He is fascinated with painting animals and has begun to do some amazing paintings working from drawings and photos and developing his own style. Who knew?



From Jan V., Jeanie P., and Jeanie S.-

No news is good news! Wishing everyone a safe, sane duration of this virus. See you when we see you. Take care everyone.

From Liz-

I painted a couple rocks to cheer up a couple of my friends up through this time!



From Cathy McC.-

I have been making memory wire bracelets and painting. Here are my finished projects.



My best pandemic read has been "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" by Suzanne Collins, a prequel to the Hunger Games Trilogy released in May 2020, but you have to know about the Hunger Games to understand the book

From Connie-



I painted three plaques for my grandkids to give to their teacher for the end of the year thank you gift.

From Holley-

Holly Hanley was giving a class online so I ordered the E-pattern, I got online late but was able to watch the class the next day and was able to paint along with her. Also, I've been baking cheesecakes in my instant pot.



From Judy-

I started this Chris Haughey Halloween plaque a long time ago. Decided to use some of our downtime to finish projects so it's finally done.



From Teri-

Here are a few things I have done, as well as lots of stuff for fall boutiques.



From Darlene-

Hi Everyone. Miss seeing you. I remodeled my patio in January and put in an enclosed deck so I can paint out there. Jay O. is making me some beautiful cabinets (some of which are being installed today!). Other than that, I have been reading a lot and am currently on #137 since January 1st. Ken and I are going on a Northern European Capitols cruise in mid-September if it's not canceled. Hope to see you all in September

From Roz-

Thank you to Jann and all the backpack painters. Our chapter is so generous with their talent. What a wonderful chapter we have. I hope you are all well.

From Kathy G.-

This is a Laurie Speltz design called 'Peace Time'. The pattern is in the book Double Dash of Christmas by Chris Haughey and Laurie Speltz.



From Lisa-

I have made over 18 paper flower bouquets so far for senior women living alone at our local assisted living facility.



These are three Jaimie Mills Price pins that I just finished. Fun little project for a change!



From Loretta-

I'm busy making quilts and masks. The masks are for whoever needs them (I give them to my chiropractor to hand out) and all the quilts are for charities/donations.



From Barbara B.-

I've been so busy with Don but I got a couple of things done.



From Karen-

I have been painting arrows and a barrel stave. I also participated in a challenge of making a handmade card a day with a different theme each day. Below are the Santa barrel stave and arrows I painted from Sandy LeFlore's patterns and some of the cards I made in April and May.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Jann and Karen delivered all the filled backpacks to Don Graves at the Offices of Contra Costa County on May 29th. Thank you to everyone who participated in this wonderful community service project.



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.**

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Wishing a very Happy Birthday to Darlene and Agnes who celebrate their special day in June. And to Liz, Cathy McC. And Carrie, who's birthdays in July.

If you know of anyone who needs a special card, please let me know.

Holley

MARKETPLACE, HINTS OR TRICKS

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

June 16 th	Canceled
July ??	BBQ at Loretta's- Canceled
August 29 th	Annual Bunko Fundraiser at First Lutheran Gym- Canceled
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 12 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