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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Is it already March? This year is going quickly. We had a wonderful February meeting with many members in attendance.. Luci taught the program which was an adorable gourd vase painted with a Valentine's Day theme. I loved seeing all the different ones. You all were so creative! Thank you Luci for a great project.

At our Saturday March 14th meeting, we will be painting backpacks for children going into foster care. Jann has the backpacks already. She displayed a couple of them that she has painted and some patterns she used. Go get into your stashes and pull out some cute ones for girls and boys from Preschool age to about 10 years old. All the details on what to bring will be in Marianne's article for Programs. Hope you all can attend and help with our community service project. We are asking for nominations for charities for our Bunko fundraiser this year. We had a few nominations at the meeting in February. We will be accepting nominations until the May meeting, at which we will be voting on them.

If you have not sent in your vote for the Christmas venue and time of day, please email me your vote by March 10th to be counted.

"Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen." Quoted by Leonardo da Vinci

Trish



PROGRAMS

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.

The pocket size for the backpacks is 7 x 12 so please be sure to size your pattern to fit. In addition to the pattern you choose and the acrylic paints for that pattern, please bring your regular painting supplies, a piece of cardboard to place inside the backpack and your lunch. This will be a fun project for a very worthy cause!

Our April meeting will be a recipe card holder. More on that will be found in the April newsletter.

Jann O. will be teaching us a "Summer Wreath" pillow cover at our May 16th meeting. Please see the Registration sheet at the end of the newsletter.

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

Karen



WAYS AND MEANS

Karen V. donated our February drawing prize which was a super cute St. Patrick's design on a little pot, a shamrock and a Target gift card. Rose Marie R. was the lucky winner. Karen also supplied us with a second drawing opportunity for a small dish with a hand painted lid containing a pin. These items were from Shirley's stash and were won by Carrie G. The March drawing offering is being donated by Barbara B.

Jann



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Darlene S. and Jann O. were recognized and awarded at our February meeting for donating to the church crab feed raffle.

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 bunco 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, bunco and raffles.

Karen

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
February 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Trish B. at 7:12 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the February newsletter (Carrie G./Barbara B.). Treasurer Jann O. provided our annual \$300 check for use of the church facility and \$150 to reserve the gym for our August 29, 2020 Bunco fundraiser.

Trish read a thank you letter from the Animal Rescue Foundation for our \$50 donation sent in memory of Shirley I. Trish shared the home tour brochure from the Martinez Historical Society in which Vivian R. wrote 3 to 4 pages regarding the Toll

Bridge Tolars. Vivian noted she may not be available for the next tour and if we wish to continue participating volunteers will be needed.

Charities – The Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank, Animal Rescue Foundation and the Monument Crisis Center were nominated. Nominations will be accepted until the May meeting at which time the recipients of our Bunco fundraiser will be selected.

Christmas Dinner – Darlene S. provided information on the Buttercup Grill in Concord for a Saturday lunch. It was decided that an email will be sent to all members regarding which restaurant to choose (Butttercup Grill or Mangia Bene), the day of the week, the date and time of the event and willingness to drive people, with response requested prior to the March meeting.

Membership – Karen V. advised we have 32 members and passed out the 2020 Chapter handbook.

Seminar – Karen advised we will need to provide a hotel room for Tami Carmody and both days will be at the Veteran’s Hall in Martinez. Her fee for the seminar is \$400. Everyone is to bring their own lunch.

Programs – Marianne S. reported Carrie G. and Liz L. will be teaching ornaments at the September meeting. The Saturday, March 14th meeting is painting backpacks for foster children taught by Jann O. Jann displayed backpack samples. The age range is preschool to 10 years old and the pattern size is 7” high by 12” wide. Detailed information will be in the March newsletter. Luci F. is our contact with Social Services. The May project is colored pencil pillows. The pencils and pillows will be provided and the cost is \$20. A sign-up sheet for this project will be at the March meeting. Everyone is to bring their own lunch and drinks.

Hospitality – Barbara B. circulated the hospitality book for April and June.

Awards and Recognition – Carrie G. presented awards to Luci, Jann and Darlene for donating items for the Church crab feed fundraiser. Darlene advised they made a profit of \$12,000.

Memory Box – Carrie brought a painted memory box.

Treasurer – Jann advised the Treasurer’s report was available for review.

Special Drawing – Karen V. provided a painted pot filled with a shamrock pin and gift card won by Rose Marie R. and a handpainted watermelon container with a strawberry top with a painter’s pin inside by Shirley I. (finished by Karen) and won by Carrie G.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Marianne introduced Luci F. who taught a small gourd vase 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.***

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 all of our members who have their special day in March- Jan V., Jann O., Rose Marie, Wendy and Vivian. And Happy Birthday to all of our members who celebrate their birthday in April- Jeanne P. and Karen V. Hope everyone has a wonderful day celebrating YOU!

Holley



HOSPITALITY

Hi All, being that our March meeting is on Saturday the 14th, we are bringing our own lunches and drinks. However, water will be supplied. If you would like to bring treats to share that would be great. See you there.

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 tbnewsletter@comcast.net

Agnes has run across some china supplies. It's little bottles of colored powder. If anyone uses these or wants them, she is offering them for the taking. She thinks they are for china. Please contact Agnes if you are interested in them.



TBT 2020 IMPORTANT DATES

March 14th
April 21st

Saturday Meeting-
Tuesday Regular meeting

May 16th Saturday Meeting
June 13-14 Tami Carmody Seminar
June 16th Tuesday Regular Meeting
July ?? BBQ at Loretta's
August 29th Annual Bunko Fundraiser at First Lutheran Gym
Sept 12th Saturday meeting Halloween Ornaments (3 of them, in place of Frenzy)
October 20th Tuesday Regular meeting
November 17th Tuesday Regular meeting
December 15th 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 2ND.

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

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

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.