

# The Painting



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here we are in the month of May, under stay at home orders for Covid-19. Who would have thought? I've asked all the Board and Committee members to help me do this newsletter since there hasn't been a meeting or other club news to report about. We have come up with some good tips to share, some items up for grab and a virtual drawing for you all! We also have updates on Bunko and Seminars.

We are not sure how the re-opening of the economy and cities will go, or what the social distancing requirements will be. We will have to take each month as it comes for now, until we know all the information. I hope you all are keeping busy with either painting, crafts, gardening or your special hobby. I have been cooking A LOT! Which my husband absolutely loves. Cooking has always been my comfort. I have painted some small projects for outside. And of course, busy tending to my flock of chickens and my hound doggies.

Our chapter is such a wonderful group of women. We all support each other, check up to see how everyone is doing and offer help if needed. It is so nice to hear when someone calls, texts or emails to see how you are doing during this difficult time of isolation. Please reach out to your neighbor or friends to say Hi or ask if they need something. Just that little thing can help out someone who is feeling alone or sad. Bring a smile to someone's face. We will all get through this together. Until we all meet again, I am sending you all big virtual hugs!

*Trish*



## MEMORY BOX PROGRAM- COMMUNITY SERVICE

I posted pictures of five memory boxes I painted on Facebook recently. As you know, I am not a Facebook poster and my purpose in breaking this practice was to get us all to think about painting a memory box during our shelter in place time. As

most of you also know, the memory box project is a personal one for me, and unfortunately, the need for the boxes has not ceased. It is my understanding that Roz has unpainted boxes available and Karen has some from Shirley's stash. I would be happy to facilitate pick-up and delivery of unpainted boxes for anyone needing a box. Thank you for participating in this touching project.



Jann



## BACKPACKS PAINTED FOR LOCAL FOSTER CHILDREN

A big thank you to all the members who painted back packs for foster children. The talent and generosity of TBT members never ceases to amaze me. Jay and I will be doing a porch pick-up of the home painted packs on May 20th. Please let me know via email or text that you have a back pack you are painting at home. Leave it on your porch the morning of May 20th. We will put our route together and can text you with our approximate arrival time on pick-up day. Once we have all of the backpack's, we will add Karen's blankets and Beanie Babies and co-ordinate delivery to Social Services with Luci. The chapter purchased fleece to make blankets and add to the backpack's. We have blankets for most of the backpacks, but please let us know if you also have a fleece blanket so we can determine how many blankets we have.

Again - thank you. This has been a fun project and one that will bring joy to several young lives.

Here are pictures of some of the backpack's members did.





Jann



## ANNUAL BUNKO FUNDRAISER

Our annual bunko event is scheduled for Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will wait to see what the State mandates & restrictions will be regarding group meetings. As of now, we plan to use the church multi-use room. Our theme this year is "Alice and the Queen of Hearts Garden Party". Once we have a firm go ahead on the event, we will have tickets available for the same price of \$25 for a fun afternoon of lunch, bunko and raffles.



## SEMINARS

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our seminar with Tami Carmody until 2021. We are working with Tami on a new date for next year. We plan to do the same wonderful 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 provide more details as they become available. We don't want to miss this exciting seminar!



Karen & Connie  
Co-Seminar Chairs



## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIR

The County Fair was cancelled this year due to the Shelter in Place and COVID-19. We planned to have an informational table and paint on memory boxes and provide information on our chapter and the Society. But we were unable to participate this year due to the cancellation. We will plan on putting this on the chapter calendar for next year.

*Karen & Luci  
Co-Fair Chairs*



## MEMBERSHIP

We always welcome anyone who wants to join our chapter. It is a great chapter and offers wonderful opportunities to learn new techniques and projects. Invite a friend to our next meeting or event. Hopefully it will be in the near future.

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*



## PAINTING TIP FROM CATHY

I have a painting tip I picked up at the 2019 Las Vegas Painting Convention from Chris Thornton Deason. We had to paint several small pieces (snowflakes, stars, etc.) Chris recommends taping them to a firm piece of cardboard with enough spacing so that you can paint each piece. She used double sided scrapbooking tape. I used double sided scotch tape. You can then paint and seal three sides before turning to do the back side if it needs to be finished. No more messy paint all over your fingers and dripping everywhere as you try to hold, turn and paint several small pieces of wood. Here's a picture to show you.



*Cathy*



## **SHELTER IN PLACE ACTIVITIES BY DARLENE**

I only get out of the house to go to dialysis three days a week so I have been finishing up a lot of Shirley's stash for bunco prizes and I have read 105 books since January 1<sup>st</sup>. Before everything closed down, I had a new floor put in my kitchen, a new refrigerator, a new computer and had the patio remodeled to put in a deck. Jann's husband Jay is making me cabinets so I can store my unfinished wood and use the space to paint. Looking forward to getting back to normal!

*Darlene*



## **TIP FROM BARB**

My tip is when you or a loved one falls and can't get up but is uninjured, you can call the fire department for a "lift and assist". The fire department sends out a truck with able bodied fire dept. guys and they will assist at no fee, putting the person back into bed. What I did was call 911 initially, and said I only needed assistance and they contacted the fire dept and I spoke to them. In our area the phone number is 933-1313.

*Barb*



## **LUCI HAS GOURDS FOR THE TAKING**

Tamara gave Luci a couple garbage bags full of gourds. Mostly big ones. If anyone wants one let her know. Once the quarantine is over, she plans to donate them to the Folsom Gourd Patch. We wish Tamara a happy life in San Diego. She has already connected with painters down there.

We will miss her.

*Luci F.*



## **VIRTUAL DRAWING!!**

Cathy had a wonderful idea! We are holding a Virtual Drawing!

She is donating the seven new Americana colors for 2020 that she bought at the Las Vegas painting convention. She can't see all the names because of the packaging. She was going to use it for the April raffle prize, which of course did not happen due to COVID 19. Trish has put all the current chapter members names in a basket.

DRUM ROLL PLEASE..... And the lucky WINNER is Jann O. Congratulations.





## 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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## SUNSHINE

Happy Birthday to Connie who celebrates her birthday in May. And Happy Birthday to the June gals- Darlene, Agnes and Torie. Hope you all have a wonderful special day!  
Hope everyone is keeping busy during this self-quarantine. I know I have. My daughter-in-law doesn't want anymore cheesecake but the granddaughters are loving it along with the lemon curd I've been making. They have lots of lemons on their tree. It's been keeping Larry busy. Now we both have a lot of frozen lemon cubes. I have been making masks for family and friends and painting. See all of you soon  
*Holley*

## 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

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