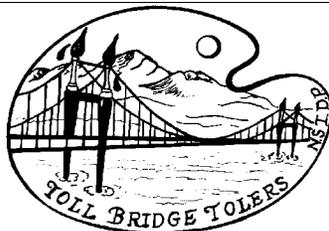


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Autumn is Here!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was so excited to attend our September Halloween Ornament Frenzy. It was so wonderful to see everyone and paint with you all! A HUGE thank you to Karen for organizing and getting everyone set up on Zoom at home so the members who were unable to attend could join us in all the fun. We received a lot of great feedback, although there were a couple suggestions for next time. Karen is hard at work coming up with a plan to make it better for everyone. Thank you to Carrie, Jann and Karen for teaching the cutest ornaments. I have officially finished mine! That is a first. The special drawing prizes were so beautiful. Thank you Karen for bringing some of Shirley's prized pieces she painted. And to Jann for donating the beautifully painted wine case with wine. Congratulations to the winners.

I hope once you all got your brushes wet last month, it has kept you all busy with other paint projects. Please share any projects you have done on our Facebook page. It will not show up right away, since I have to approve all posts, but I will get it on the page as soon as I see the notification. If you have not been to our Facebook page, please go take a look. I posted pictures from the Frenzy as well as other photo albums from previous meetings etc. Just click on the album tab at the top. I know we all would love to see what everyone is painting. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can always email me the picture or text it to me. I will get them to Loretta to put up on our website as well.

We are working on doing a Christmas ornament exchange. Details are in this newsletter. Please stay safe and healthy.

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

Trish





MEMBERSHIP

The Toll Bridge Tolars (TBT) chapter is giving you a gift to ease some of the financial strain of this year. The chapter voted to have a **\$0** amount for dues for 2021 for members and anyone who wants to join our chapter. All chapter members will also have to be a 2021 member of the National Society of Decorative Painters (SDP). You need to submit a Toll Bridge Tolars Membership Application included in the newsletter. The chapter Membership Application form has been revised to reflect the fabulous low amount of \$0. So invite your friends to give it a try for a year. We are all learning new things and finding new painting opportunities as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mail the TBT Membership Application to:
Toll Bridge Tolars
P.O. Box 2671
Martinez, CA 94553-0267

The 2021 SDP renewal dues are \$60 which are due by December 1st. If you pay your SDP dues by October 31st, you will get 3 very cute ornament patterns which have been provided by generous SDP artists. 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. I look forward to getting your applications and new year.

Karen
VP Membership



SEMINARS

While we do not know what 2021 will bring, there are few events for 2021 that we should think about and get ideas.

- Tami Carmody Seminar
- 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Bunko Luncheon & Fundraiser
- Holiday Ornament Frenzy

We will be having a planning meeting in November and discussing and deciding on our events for 2021. We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions.

Karen & Connie
Co-Seminar Chairs





FALL ORNAMENT FRENZY 2020

The Fall Ornament Frenzy was Saturday September 12th. We had a fantastic day of painting Fall ornaments. Thanks to Lisa for posting her completed ornaments on Facebook and to Trish for posting pictures of the event. It was a great turn out both in person and virtually. The church gym was perfect for social distancing and the Zoom allowed people to paint with us virtually. It was wonderful to reconnect with so many people. We also had a few guests join us as well that helped make the event even more special. Merlene joined us, Carrie brought 2 guests, Agnes brought her daughter-in-law Christine, Suzanne brought Diane. Peggy also joined us a guest. She has painted at several of our past Frenzies. It was great to have some familiar and new faces join us.

This was our first time using Zoom for a paint-in and the overall feedback was positive. We learned a lot and there are improvements that we will make or change for future events. We are looking into purchasing a camera system so that teachers can teach a project and both the in person and virtual attendees can see instructions and demonstrations.

We would like to get your feedback on this event. Please send me or Trish an email with your thoughts or ideas:

What worked well?

What can we change or improve?

How can we better handle the meeting portion of the event?

Anything else you would like to comment on or add

Karen



COMMUNITY SERVICE

I do hope all of you are safe. At this time, it is hard to do any community service.

I have many painted boxes to give to Contra Costa Medical Center.

They have not called to report a need yet. All is well, but if you want to paint, it would be wonderful. I do have a supply of boxes to paint if you need them.

Stay Safe.

Roz



WAYS AND MEANS

Jann O donated a wine box with the Chris Haughey Boo ornament frenzy design painted on the top. The box contained a bottle of dessert wine, a hand painted Halloween jewelry set and an unpainted set of wooden Halloween ornaments with instruction sheet. The box was won by Torie. A bonus drawing consisted of three items painted by Shirley I. Carrie's guest, Christine won a picture, Kathy G. won a painted box and Holley won a box painted with a Gail Anderson design.

The following is something I have hanging up over my painting table. I have no idea who wrote it.

My Philosophy for Creating Art

More than lookingSeeing
More than thinkingFeeling
More than recordingExperiencing
More than absorbingCreating
More than observing.....Communicating
More than drawing.....Composing
More than illustratingExpressing
More than paintingFine Art

All these skills, through the use of form, light, color and composition are the essence and purpose of Fine Art.

Jann



TBT HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Due to the current pandemic, at this time, we cannot have a dinner at any restaurant and we do not think it will change in the near future. We also do not think it will be safe to have 20 or more people gathering in the same place so we are trying to figure out how we can keep connected and have our holiday luncheon and ornament exchange. We have the option of Zoom. Our luncheon is December 12th at 12:00. Get a lunch ready and your favorite drink, alcohol or not-your choice, and we can have our lunch together via Zoom.

We have come up with an idea for an ornament exchange. Anyone interested in an ornament exchange can let **Trish** know and your name will be put into a drawing. For those interested in participating, we will go down the list alphabetically and pull a name from the drawing. We will let you know whose name you have and you will paint an ornament and mail it or drop it off to that person **by December 5th**. Those receiving the ornaments should **not** open them until our gathering on December 12th. At our luncheon, we will have one person open their ornament and share it with us. Then we will have the next person open their ornament and share. The ornament exchange is completely optional and you can still join us for the luncheon if you decide not to participate in the ornament exchange. The date to respond to Trish if you will be participating is October 30th. That will give members time to get their ornament done.

We are open for any ideas or thoughts you might have. Karen will be organizing the meeting and setting it up for everyone. She will let you know what needs to be done if you have not done a Zoom meeting before.

Karen, Trish and Marianne

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

Halloween Ornament Frenzy

Saturday, September 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Trish B. with a quorum present in person and via Zoom at 1:30 pm. The minutes of the March and April meetings were approved as printed in the April and May newsletters (Karen V./Marianne S.).

2021 Planning Meeting – It was agreed to hold the meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 1:30 pm via Zoom. Trish B. will send an email to all members advising of the meeting.

2021 Meeting Dates – The 2021 meetings will be held on the usual third Tuesday of each month with the three Saturday meetings on the third Saturday of March, May and September. Darlene S. will have them put them on the church calendar.

25th Anniversary – Discussion on this will be postponed until it is determined what happens next year.

Bunco – This fundraiser has been scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2021, at First Lutheran Church.

TBT Email Address – Trish B. advised this email has not been used and she recommended it be deleted effective 10/1/2020 and her personal email be used instead. This was unanimously agreed and she will notify all members and SDP.

Membership – Karen V. discussed waiving membership dues for current and new members for next year. Treasurer Jann O. advised there are sufficient funds to allow this. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to waive dues for current members for 2020/2021 (Marianne S./Holley Y.). It was moved, seconded and approved to waive dues for any new members for 2020/2021. They may join with no fee but must pay SDP dues (Holley Y./Trish B.).

Decorative Painting Month – As the Concord Library is not open due to Covid-19, we will not place a display there this year. Karen V. will assist Suzanne O. in 2021.

Awards and Recognition – Carrie G. presented awards to Vivian R. for the Martinez Historical Society event and the article she wrote about it, Cathy Mc.C. and Karen V. for crab feed donations.

Special Drawings – (1) Boo wine box with a bottle of wine, handmade jewelry and Halloween ornaments from Jann O. It was won by Torie K. From Shirley I.'s stash - (2) Bird house canvas won by Cathy K., (3) Painted box won by Kathy G., and (4) Gail Anderson painted box won by Holley Y.

2021 Officers – Because of few meetings in 2020 due to Covid-19, it was moved, seconded and approved that the 2020 officers will continue for 2021 (Holley Y./Trish B.).

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm to the remaining Ornament Frenzy 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 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

Here's the October Birthdays-Judy H., Kathy G., Barbara B., Bonnie S., and Cheryl R.
We're wishing everyone a wonderful Birthday.
And Happy Birthday to the November members- Trish B., Luci F., Sue P. and Lisa S.

Holley



HOSPITALITY

I finished my darling Halloween ornaments. Karen did such a great job on getting us hooked up to Zoom. Thanks so much Karen. It was such fun seeing all the painters and my friends again!!! Cheers.

Barb B.



TBT 2020 IMPORTANT DATES

October 20 th	CANCELLED	Tuesday Regular meeting
November 15 th		Planning meeting, by Zoom 1;30pm
November 17 th	CANCELLED	Tuesday Regular meeting
December 15 th	CANCELLED	Installation Christmas Luncheon at Mangia Bene

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 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