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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Is it 2021 yet? Speaking for myself, I would like to just say goodbye to 2020. I miss all of you, I miss all of our meetings and especially our wonderful Bunko fundraiser. This year has been very challenging and hope and pray you all are staying safe during this pandemic. What a rollercoaster ride it has been.

Looking forward to our Halloween Ornament Frenzy on September 12th. A big thank you to Karen and Marianne for organizing this event and making sure all the safety precautions are in place and getting the Zoom meeting set up for everyone that will be painting from home. I have never done a Zoom meeting so I am really looking forward to seeing how it all works. I think it will be a wonderful way to connect all of us again. I hope members who are not signed up to paint will log in to Zoom and be a part of the monthly meeting at 1pm so we are able to have a quorum to vote on things if needed. If you have any questions or concerns please email or call Karen. She has done several Zoom meetings and can help you. As you know already, (I hope) the October, November meetings and the Christmas Installation dinner have all been cancelled. Until we know what is happening with COVID-19 and the pandemic, we cannot meet at the church meeting room. There are so many online opportunities who are having Zoom classes, which most of them are free. You just need to purchase patterns and/or the surface. If you are on Facebook, check them out. I have not done one yet, but I am looking forward to attending one soon.

Please stay safe and I hope to see you all at the Frenzy, whether it is in person or on Zoom. Hugs to you all.

Trish

MEMBERSHIP

We will be having a discussion at the Ornament Frenzy during our chapter meeting at lunch regarding the chapter dues for 2021. The National renewal dues are \$60 and you can submit your national dues for 2021. You can access the chapter Membership Application form on our website at www.tollbridgetolers.org. Mail a check and the form to Toll Bridge Tolerers, 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

FALL ORNAMENT FRENZY

Fall Ornament Frenzy – September 12, 2020 9:00 – 4:00

We are painting 3 fun Fall ornaments and will be holding the event in the gym at the church with social distancing and masks and also via Zoom. We will also be having a chapter business meeting during lunch and hope that all members can join via Zoom to attend the business meeting. Karen V. will be providing the Zoom info for anyone who would like to join.

9:00 – 11:00 - Ornament #1 taught by Jann O.

11:00 – 1:00 – Ornament #2 taught by Carrie G.

1:00 – 2:00 – TBT Meeting & Lunch

2:00 – 4:00 – Ornament #3 taught by Karen V.

Please join us during lunch so we can have a chapter business meeting and a quorum to vote on any issues and connect with your chapter buddies.



#1



#2



#3

SEMINARS

We have not determined a new date for the Tami Carmody seminar at this time. We hope to put this back on our chapter calendar when it is safe for us to hold seminars. 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 are looking forward to this in the future!

*Karen & Connie
Co-Seminar Chairs*



TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

No meetings have been held since March 2020 due to Covid-19.

WHAT OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON AND KEEPING BUSY WITH DURING THE PANDEMIC-

WOW!!! You all have been busy doing such various things the last few months. We all know these are very difficult times for everyone but just look at what you all have been working on! Great job ladies!

Loretta has been sewing a ton of masks and says the count is well over 600! She is starting to make more quilts for the fire victims (though she prefers to call them survivors). She has not been painting but hopes to soon. She will be taking her first Zoom class on the 3rd on quilting. She is missing everyone very much.

Jann O. painted a Tracy Moreau pattern that turned out beautiful. Cathy had done it and Jann loved it so she thought she would try it. She used Stamping Up Crystal effects but said there is several other products that will produce the same effect.



Painted by Jann O.

Darlene has been painting pieces for Bunco next year and is currently on book number 210 since January 31st. She loves reading as much as she loves painting. Jay O. made some cabinets for her new enclosed deck and she is busy stocking the shelves and drawers with A LOT of raw wood and unfished pieces. She says hello to everyone and looking forward to the September 12th Frenzy.

Luci says she finished the Pink Scooter project she started at Jann's. Yeah!

Enjoying the fresh fruit from our area. I baked a peach pie and a peach cobbler.

I enjoy visiting with the Brentwood painting class. We get together every two weeks at our local park. We bring chairs and visit for a couple hours and share our projects. Other than that, staying close to home.

She had a friend move away and they dropped off a box of sewing notions that include- thread, bias tape, lace, needles, sewing machine needles, crochet needles, scissors, buttons and more. If you or anyone you know can use these, let me know. I can drop it off too. Thanks.

Roz says she is doing okay. I am still on oxygen. I have been finishing my UFO's. I finished the butterflies and very thankful to Jann and Jay for designing them. Also making cards, which are very easy for me. The loss of detail has made painting very hard. Which makes me sad. But I will not give up. Stay well. Blessings.

Barbara- I have been working on the oversize "lunch" bucket that I'm making for my great grandson to put his playbills in whenever we get a chance to go back to seeing plays, etc. I'll take a stab at showing it when we zoom, if I can tackle that! See you in the movies!!

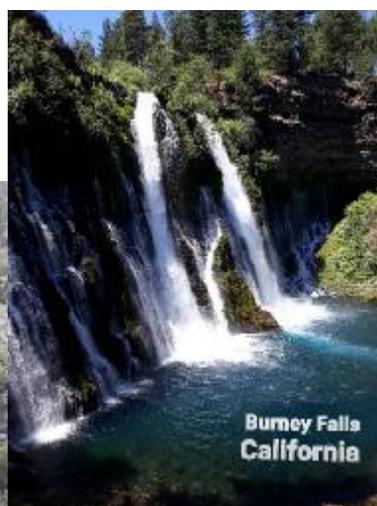
Cathy finished this project before she had to pack up and move. It's a Karen Brouwer design. Has not been able to craft in the new house. Still need to clear the shed at the Concord house and sadly has to purge a lot but getting to see the kids and grandkids frequently makes it worth it. Its all about family.



Painted by Cathy

Holley has been working hard on all of her unfinished projects. She didn't realize she had so many. HAHA

Carrie- Don and I refinished our fireplace. I have finished a few painting projects and have gone on a few trips to Hat Creek, Rancho Seco, Lake of the Springs and Yosemite. Here are some pictures.



Vivian- I made a wedding cake and cupcakes for my niece's wedding in Oregon.



Karen- This is what Teri H. and I have been working on. It is Sandy LeFlore's truck and monthly payloads. We have all 12 months done and the birthday one done. We just have the cactus and the art payload left. Teri painted hers for her nephew and his family. He has an old green truck so she painted her truck green with rusted paint patches. It came out great. It has been a fun project.



Trish- These have been some really rough months for my family. My mother in law passed away the end of June. Painting these helped me get through. It was really hard to pick up a paint brush at first but I made myself and I was so glad to get my fingers dirty and get my mind in a creative way. I miss you all very much. Sending everyone some big virtual hugs. The fish planters were my Mother in Laws and it was my husbands idea to re-do them. He did the orange one (all by himself, even chose the colors out) and the teal one is mine. The flamingo lawn edger is by Diane Kellogg of Oil Creek Originals. Super fun to paint. And lastly is my patriotic milk can (purchased at Michaels). My own design. Its filled with my "String of Pearls" succulent plant. Succulents have become a obsession of mine these days.





Lisa- Gosh I miss seeing you all. I am really looking forward to the Frenzy. Thank you all for making it happen. It is my favorite event and I am super excited this year that we are painting Halloween ornaments. I have been struggling getting into painting since the loss of my mom last December and like many of you, struggling with this virus and everything that come with it. I did finally cross something off my bucket list and got to paint with Sandy LeFlore. We painted a Halloween witch. Then a couple weeks ago I painted a Halloween piece with Lisbeth Stull. If any of you have an opportunity to paint with her you should. She is wonderful and her designs are darling. I have been working on a special project for the last few months. I gathered a group of talented and giving friends and we have been making things to surprise the seniors at some of our local assisted living facilities. It makes me feel better giving them a little joy after being locked up since April. I hope you are all well and that we can be together again soon. Be safe.



SUNSHINE



Agnes wanted to let everyone know that former member Sheila Stepp passed away recently. Our condolences to her family.

Wishing Happy Birthday to Sue S. and Donna S. who celebrate their birthday in September!
And Happy Birthday to Barb B., Kathy G., Judy H. and Chery R. who celebrate their birthday in October.
Hope you all have a wonderful day filled with love, laughs and fun.



Holley



HOSPITALITY

Please bring your own lunch and drinks to the Ornament Frenzy on September 12, 2020. Due to health restrictions, the chapter will not be able to share any food or drinks.

Barbara B.



TIPS, HINTS and MARKETPLACE

Jann sent this in as a TIP! Thank you Jann.

As most of you know, Jay has been learning to paint and is doing remarkably well. The other day, however, he came to me in total frustration. He was unhappy because his "side loading/floating was not getting any better". I was painting at the time as well, so I handed him the brush I was using and told him to show me a float. To the amazement of both of us, his float was beautiful. He said that I had trained the brush well – it felt so different from his. I looked at the brush he had been using and realized the problem. He had been floating with an inexpensive brush – certainly good enough for a beginner, but one which would never give a truly good result. A good float brush needs to be full enough to hold a good supply of moisture and

have bristles that are trimmed well and in good condition. It also needs to be large enough to cover the surface well. It doesn't need to cost an arm and a leg, but, along with a good liner, it is worth an investment

Lisa sent this in to anyone who is interested in submitting their designs to this e-magazine.



TBT 2020 IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 12 th	Saturday meeting Halloween Ornaments (3 of them, in place of Frenzy)
October 20 th	CANCELLED Tuesday Regular meeting
November 17 th	CANCELLED Tuesday Regular meeting
December 15 th	CANCELLED 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