

The Painting



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Spring! I love this time of year. A time of renewal, growth and such beauty that surrounds us. Thank you to Jann for setting up our Zoom meeting in March and to all the members who attended and painted together. We had a wonderful time. This is the second year we have painted the backpacks for foster children and it just warms your heart when you finish one knowing it will bring a comfort to those children who are going through such a hard situation. Please get your backpacks to Jann as soon as possible so she can get them organized and fill them with the blankets and stuffed animals and take them to the county office. Thank you to everyone who participated in this wonderful community service project.

Karen will be teaching a pen and ink project by Zoom at the April meeting on April 20th. Hope everyone can join in and have some fun making the card and tags she has picked out. They are really cute.

DJ will be teaching our May program of a beautiful Butterfly. Details and sign up sheet are included in the newsletter.

I would like to share with everyone that my husband and I have found our forever home up North and will be closer to our daughter and son in law. We are currently in the process of packing and will be moving this month. I am stepping down as President as I do not think I will be able to perform my duties as needed for the chapter. Karen and Marianne will be taking over for me as needed. I will be coming down for the Saturday meetings, Bunko and seminars. I will continue to do the newsletter as well.

Thank you to all of you for making our chapter successful and continue to share our love of painting!

Trish
President





MEMBERSHIP

Membership is always open for anyone interested in joining our fabulous chapter. Invite friends, students, or family to join us. There is no cost for chapter dues for 2021 and members also need have an annual membership in the National Society of Decorative Painters (SDP). A Toll Bridge Tolars Membership Application available on our chapter website needs to be submitted for record keeping. Mail the membership application to: Toll Bridge Tolars, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553-0267

The 2021 SDP renewal dues are \$60 annually. New members can join SDP and get a Trial membership for \$40 for the first year and student memberships for full time students is available for \$20 annually. 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*



PROGRAMS



Thank you to those members who joined us on March 20th on Zoom painting back packs for children being removed from their homes and placed in foster care. We had a great time painting and visiting. Please be sure to have your painted back packs completed by April 30th for pick up by Jann.



Our project for April is a pen and ink style greeting card and gift tags. Karen V. will be teaching this project via zoom after our general meeting on Tuesday April 20th. The project cost is \$2. Please let Karen or Marianne know if you would like to do the project and we will have it available for you to pick up at either Karen's porch or Jann's porch. We

can mail the project to you for an additional \$1 but you will need to let us know as soon as possible so we can get it to you in time for the meeting.

Below are **the supplies that will be provided** for this project:

- Printed cardstock with birthday and gift tags that has been misted with Krylon Matte varnish spray
- Colored paper for front of card
- Card and envelope
- Paint Pipette (dropper) for water drops to control drops and thin paint to make a color wash
- Dimensional self-adhesive foam mounts to adhere your painted design to the front of the card

Supplies needed for this project:

- Plastic well tray (bubble palette) – or a container to mix small puddles of paint. One with 10 wells is good. These are available at Hobby Lobby in the fine art section and Michaels. Use what you have. If you have ones that have 6 wells, you can use 2 of them. You can use bottle caps or a container that has compartments or wells if a bubble palette is not available. We only use a drop of paint. It can be done on palette paper, but it is probably too runny and the paint will most likely dry out fast.
- Round paint brush with a point - #2 or #4 works well
- Shading/floating brush – angle or flat – 3/8 or 1/4
- Paper towels
- Glass of clean water
- Stir stick (chop sticks works or any kind of a utensil to stir up paint)
- Water bucket with at least 2 sections – one for dirty brush cleaning and one for clean water dipping
- Scissors
- Glue or Glue tape (snail tape)
- Optional – Ribbon of your choice for using as gift tags
- DecoArt America paint listed in the directions that will be provided with the project



Our May 15, 2021 meeting will be this “Summer Daisy” project (an original pattern by D.J. West-Davis) taught by ZOOM by D.J. Please see the registration form at the end of this newsletter. Your registration form and payment must be received by April 30th to take this project.

*Marianne
VP Programs*



SEMINARS AND EVENTS

Seminars and Events

- Tami Carmody Seminar – June 19th and 20th at the Veteran’s Hall & via Zoom
- Bunko Luncheon & Fundraiser – September 18th at the First Lutheran Church
- Holiday Ornament Frenzy – scheduled for October 16th at the Veteran’s Hall & via Zoom
- 25th Anniversary Celebration – on hold until we can all celebrate in person

Seminars

We will be painting with Tami Carmody on June 19th and 20th. Secure your place for this exciting seminar. This is open to everyone – members and non-members. We need to get a count of how many people are interested in the hummingbird feeder so they can be ordered in time for the seminar. Please email Karen if you plan on painting the hummingbird feeder so we can provide Tami with an estimate.

The seminar form is included in this newsletter. We selected to paint her gorgeous glass hummingbird feeder and glass Fall block. The block includes lights and beautiful autumn ribbon. Tami is also providing the paint, pictures and patterns. The registration and deposit are due by April 30, 2021 (we moved the date up from the prior date so brushes can be ordered). Tami recommends using good glass art brushes for painting on glass. She will bring them for purchase but needs to know by May 1st so she can order them in time. There is a box on the registration form where you can indicate that you are interested in purchasing glass art brushes. This will provide idea of how many brushes Tami will need to bring.:

- #1, #3 and 1/8 flat: Set is \$10.00
- Full glass art set 7 brushes in Set: \$26.00

Please contact Karen if you have any questions.

Bunko 2021

The Bunko Fundraiser will be September 18th in the church gym. We are hopeful we will be able to gather, play bunko, and try to win fabulous raffle prizes. Please hang on to your Bunko raffle donations. Karen has run out of storage. If you can assemble a raffle prize, please do so and plan to bring it directly to Bunko. We will also take items as we get closer to Bunko and assemble raffle prizes or combine with other items to create a raffle prize. We will have tickets available for sale closer to the event and once we determine it is safe to hold the event.

Holiday Ornament Frenzy 2021

The Holiday Ornament Frenzy will be October 16th. We have 3 teachers who indicated they would teach an ornament. Loretta offered to teach the cupcake ornament that she created for the ornament exchange; Jann offered to teach an adorable elf ornament; and Karen offered to teach a gnome ornament. This will be held at the Veteran's Hall in Martinez from 9:00-4:00 and also available via Zoom.

- Ornament 1 – 9:00-11:00
- Ornament 2 – 11:30-1:30
- Lunch/Break – 1:30-2:00
- Ornament 3 – 2:00-4:00

*Karen & Connie
Co-Seminar Chairs*



COMMUNITY SERVICE

A big thank you to all the members who painted the backpacks for the foster children at the March zoom get together. What a wonderful community service project.

Roz





WAYS AND MEANS

Trish donated a super cute Easter basket filled with two cloth bunnies, “bunny” eggs, two spring signs, a ceramic bunny and candy. Much to my surprise, I won the basket! Jay pulled my ticket – guess I have him trained right!?! Karen is donating the April drawing prize. If you would like to donate a drawing prize for a future meeting, please contact Jann.

Jann

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

No meeting was held in March during our Zoom get together.
(Editor’s note)



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.

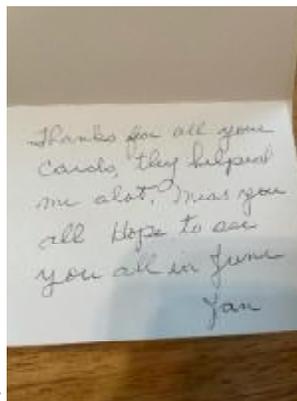
If you do not have Internet access, you have the option of receiving your newsletter via the mail or as an email attachment. You need to let me know if you choose either of these options.



SUNSHINE

We would like to send out our condolences to Barbara B. and her family. Her husband passed away on March 17th. Please keep them in your prayers.

Happy Birthday to Jeanne and Karen who are celebrating their birthday in April. And Happy Birthday to Connie who celebrates her birthday in April.
Eat lots of cake!



Jan V. sent a card to the chapter thanking everyone for their support.

Holley
Sunshine



TBT 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

April Regular meeting- Zoom Tuesday April 20, 2021 Karen- Pen and Ink card
May Saturday meeting- Zoom or in person Saturday May 15, 2021 Flower and Butterfly – DJ West Davis
June- Tami Carmody Seminar- June 19-20 2021- Veterans Hall both days
July – Open for picnic/ social distance TBD- temporarily scheduled for Saturday July 10, 2021
August- Saturday meeting- Zoom Saturday August 14, 2021 Jann teaching a colored pencil pillow
September- Annual Bunko Fundraiser- Saturday September 18, 2021 Church Gymnasium
October- Ornament Frenzy- Saturday October 16, 2021- Veterans Hall Martinez, CA
November- Regular meeting- Zoom or in person- Tuesday November 16, 2021 Trish Maple leaf door hanger
December- Annual Christmas Luncheon- Location TBD Saturday December 11, 2021

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 TBT MAY 2021 ZOOM MEETING PROGRAM
Original Design by DJ West-Davis / Taught by DJ West-Davis

DATE: May 15, 2021

TIME: 10:00 TO 4:00

PROJECT BY ZOOM ONLY

PATTERN COST: \$5.00

Supply your own 8x8 surface OR for those who took DJ's March 2019 project you may use the back of the DOUBLE SIDED MASONITE INSERT

DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP AND \$5.00 PAYMENT IS April 30th 2021

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, 51 East 16th Street, Antioch, CA 94509