

# The Painting



# Connection

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays! Once 2021 got going and we were able to gather at a social distance, we really enjoyed painting together. Now that our chapter has been hosting meetings and events in person and on zoom, we are able to reach out to and have more people participate. Our last project for the year was an adorable box decorated for Fall or Thanksgiving with candies inside. Thanks to Connie for preparing all the materials (I think she gave us each about 50 leaves) and designing such a fun project. Some of us were not able to put our candy in the box because for some reason, it disappeared (LOL). We have our holiday celebration this month at Mangia Bene in Martinez at 11:30 with our painted ornament exchange. It is always wonderful to see the beautiful ornaments. Participating in the ornament exchange is optional. Marianne and Jann have done the decorations and I cannot wait to see what they planned for us. If you have not signed up for the luncheon yet and would like to join us, please get a hold of me asap so we can add you to the count.

We have planned our calendar of events for 2022 which is included in the newsletter so please put these dates down in your 2022 calendar. I am looking forward to starting our HOME project in January with Jann leading the January and February pieces. Start thinking about designs for kids backpacks which go to kids in foster care. This will be our March project. Jann has backpacks if you want to get started early. The painted backpacks that were done last year were wonderful and we know this project really makes a child's day to get something special.

I hope you have a fantastic holiday. I for one am looking forward to being able to gather with family again which I desperately missed last year. Stay safe.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year,  
Karen  
2022 President





## MEMBERSHIP

Join us for 2022. The cost for chapter dues for 2022 is \$15 for the year. Members also need to 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 2022 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 are 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](http://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.

*Karen  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Membership*



## PROGRAMS



I would like to give a HUGE thank you to Connie O. for doing a great job picking out this wonderful candy box project for our November meeting. We appreciate the time it took to prepare all the pieces for this project. I would also like to thank Karen V. for stepping in and teaching this project for Connie. We had a great turn out with Trish joining us on zoom and 14 members participating in person. It was so nice getting to see everyone.

I'd also like to thank Jay and Jann O. for setting up the equipment for our zoom meeting.

Our annual Holiday Luncheon is being held at Mangia Bene Restaurant in Martinez on Saturday December 11, 2021. I hope we have a good turn out and that everyone participates in the ornament exchange. Remember it should be a recent hand painted ornament so everyone can enjoy each other's talents. I always look forward to decorating my tree and seeing all the wonderful ornaments I received from previous exchanges.

### **TBT 2022 meeting Program:**

For everyone who is participating in the "HOME" project I would like to confirm that you have received your wood pieces. If you have not received them, please contact me so I can arrange to get them to you.

Jann O. will be teaching the January program so look for your prep information in the January newsletter. We will be painting the H, M, E and the Snowflake and Heart. Please sand and seal your wood pieces prior to the meeting.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas season and a very Happy New Year!

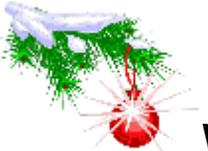
*Marianne*  
1<sup>st</sup> VP, Programs



## **SEMINARS AND EVENTS**

We have tentatively set our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center on Gregory Lane. We are working on a catering menu and will be planning decorations. If anyone would like to join us, we welcome the input and assistance. We will set up a meeting in early January to hit the ground running. Cathy Mc. and Trish have volunteered (thank you!) and we hope you will consider joining us too. If you cannot join us but have ideas or suggestions, please feel free to send them to Karen or any committee member.

*Karen & Connie*  
Co-Seminar Chairs



## **WAYS AND MEANS**

Marianne was the November drawing winner of a beaded bracelet in watermelon colors, a hand painted necklace, two Chris Haughey ornament packets including surfaces and a small jewelry box made by Jay packed in a decorative tin. Cathy M. and Jann were the donors.

*Jann*  
Ways and Means

## **TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS PLANNING MEETING MINUTES**

**November 2, 2021 via Zoom**

Present: Karen V., Darlene S., Jann O., Barbara B., Suzanne O., Trish B., Holley Y., Marianne S.

The meeting was called to order by Ad Hoc President Karen V. at 7:05 pm.

2022 Slate of Officers – An email will be sent to all members with the proposed slate, asking them to respond to Trish. The official vote on the slate of officers will be done at the November meeting. Karen has agreed to continue as President and other 2021 officers are willing to continue for another year unless someone else is interested in serving.

Karen felt it is not necessary to host a teacher next year, just do or join a Zoom class. She noted SDP wants chapters to participate in an “All Seasons” Zoom class and she will follow-up on obtaining the pattern and sending it to Marianne for our May 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday meeting.

Meetings – We will continue to meet the third Tuesday of selected months at a time to be determined at the November meeting with a business meeting followed by the program. Saturday meetings will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> (backpacks), May

14<sup>th</sup> (All Seasons project) and August 20<sup>th</sup> (ornament frenzy). Note the May meeting is on the second Saturday. The August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a "Fall" ornament frenzy (not just Halloween). Blankets will again be included in the backpacks and Joanne's will be approached about donating or giving us a good discount on the material. \$45 could be taken from the Treasury for this if necessary.

Hospitality – For the time being, we will not bring snacks to the meetings to share. Water will be provided.

Bunco – Bunco will be held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> in the church gym. Karen suggested we limit the raffle prizes to 50 or 60 and noted the desserts only, rather than lunch, done this year was easy and worked well.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party – Karen and Cathy McC. are working together planning this and it will be held on either the 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> of July. Karen will try to get the Pleasant Hill Community Center and will see if Los Pancho's can cater it. Jann noted we have sufficient funds in our treasury to pay for it.

Programs – Marianne advised we will be doing the HOME project at our January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> meetings. She is looking for volunteers to teach and will be contacting individuals about that. Jann, Karen and Marianne volunteered to teach. The final cost for the HOME project is \$11.00. Fourteen people have signed up and she will need three more teachers. All meetings will be in person or on Zoom. The individual teachers will decide on the colors to use and provide basic directions.

Budget – Jann reviewed the 2022 proposed budget noting it is basically the same as 2021. The Post Office box fee has increased to \$165, nothing was included for the County Fair as we may or may not participate and charities are our usual \$300 for use of the church and \$1,000 from Bunco for the Food Bank. She noted our Domain fee has been renewed for five years.

November 16, 2021 Meeting – It was agreed to hold a brief business meeting at 6:30 pm followed by the program taught by Connie O. at 7 pm. The meeting agenda will include (1) election of 2022 officers, (2) the Tuesday meeting time for 2022, and (3) the donation presentation to the Food Bank. They will be contacted about having a representative attend to receive the check.

2022 Planning Meeting – The meeting will be held via Zoom at 7 pm on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

## **TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
Tuesday, November 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ad Hoc President Karen V. with a quorum present. in person and via Zoom. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the June newsletter (Barbara B./Holley Y.).

President – Karen V. reminded us the holiday luncheon is at Mangia Bene in Martinez on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at a cost of \$30 per person and will include the Christmas ornament exchange (no purchased ornaments please).

Election of 2022 Officers and Committee Chairpersons – Karen read the slate of officers and committee chairpersons. Members were asked to vote previously by email and the slate was unanimously approved.

Ways and Means – Elana Sissons from the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano was presented with a check for \$1,000 from our Bunco fundraiser. She advised they are currently doing a match campaign which means our donation will be \$2,000 and provide 4,000 meals. She also noted prior to the pandemic, they were serving about 170,000 people per month. In 2020 the number rose to 270,000 and is currently 240,000. They are now doing a drive-up distribution line and may continue doing that.

Programs – Marianne S. reviewed the 2022 program schedule. We will be doing the HOME project at our January, February, April, June, October and November meetings. Darlene S. volunteered to teach the October/November project in October. The wood pieces for the project were handed out to those participating. We will paint backpacks March 19, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party is on July 23 at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center, the fall ornament frenzy is August 20, the Bunco fundraiser is September 17 in the church gym and the holiday luncheon and ornament exchange is December 10. Saturday, May 14, is the SDP Snow Days project that D.J. W. is tentatively teaching. Marianne noted blankets (donated by TBT) and teddy bears (donated by Luci F.) were included in the backpacks that go to foster children last year and we plan to include blankets again in 2022.

Membership – Karen reported we currently have 29 paid members and dues of \$15 are being collected this year.

2022 Budget – Jann O. reviewed the proposed budget which totals \$1,950. The budget was approved.

Community Projects – Roz B. delivered 20 memory boxes to the hospital. Karen asked that members paint and return any boxes they have. Jann brought 10 painted boxes this evening.

Hospitality – Barbara B. brought water and Luci F. brought ginger cookies. Barbara will ask for refreshment sign-ups for the January meeting.

Seminars – Karen asked to be contacted with any suggestions for seminar teachers.

Special Drawing – Marianne was the winner of the prize donated by Jann and Cathy McC. consisting of a beaded bracelet in watermelon colors, a hand painted necklace, two Chris Haughey ornament packets including surfaces and a small jewelry box made by Jay O. packed in a decorative tin.

Free Patterns – Cathy McC. brought a few patterns to give away.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm to Connie O.'s mini pizza box project which was presented by Karen in Connie's absence.



## 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 Marie V. and Marianne! Hope you have a wonderful day.

A thank you letter from Agnes----

Dear Fellow Painters: I would like to Thank each of you who sent me a Sympathy card for the passing of my husband, Lou. You have no idea how much it meant to me to receive all of them. Lou had no family. So your cards meant alot to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Each card that came meant the world to me. You are such a caring group of ladies. I was overwhelmed with the amount of them. God bless all of you, for your thoughts and prayers. I will be forever grateful to you. Love and hugs Agnes

*Holley  
Sunshine*



## HOSPITALITY

Hope to see everyone at our annual Christmas luncheon.

*Barbara  
Hospitality*



## TBT 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

December- Annual Christmas Luncheon- Mangia Bene in Martinez, Saturday December 11, 2021 11:30 am.

## 2022 Calendar of Events

**Tuesday night meetings – Board meeting at 6:45; General Meeting at 7:00**

**Events will be in person and most will be available via Zoom.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
January 18, 2022	Tuesday	7:00 pm	HOME Project Jan/Feb	Jann
February 15, 2022	Tuesday	7:00 pm	HOME Project March/April	Karen
March 19, 2022	Saturday	10:00-3:00	Backpacks & Blankets for Foster Kids	TBT
April 19, 2022	Tuesday	7:00 pm	HOME Project May/June	Marianne
May 14, 2022	Saturday	10:00-4:00	SNOW Friends – Shara Reiner Project	TBD
June 21, 2022	Tuesday	7:00 pm	HOME Project July/Aug/Sept	Luci
July 23, 2022	Saturday	11:30 am	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – PH Senior Center	
August 20, 2022	Saturday	9:00 am	Fall Ornament Frenzy	Various
Sept 17, 2022	Saturday	1:30 pm	Bunko Fundraiser	TBT
October 18, 2022	Tuesday	7:00 pm	HOME Project Oct/Nov	Darlene
Nov 15, 2022	Tuesday	7:00 pm	HOME Project Dec	Trish
Dec 10, 2022	Saturday	11:30 am	Holiday Luncheon & Ornament Exchange	

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