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♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to Karen for holding the January meeting by Zoom for me. It looks like the meetings by Zoom have been working out great and everyone is getting used to this new way to connect. We all appreciate Karen taking the roll of our Zoom Queen! We are excited to have a new member join our Chapter this year. Please Welcome Diana B. Marianne will be starting out by teaching a cute gnome recipe card holder at our February Zoom meeting. If you have not received your holder, please contact Marianne. The March meeting will be by Zoom and we will be painting backpacks for foster children. These were very fun to do last year. If you would like to participate in this community service project, please contact Jann to get the backpacks. Start searching your stash for some patterns to put on them. Jann mentioned that coloring books are a wonderful source for patterns.

We have secured the Veterans Hall for the Tami Carmody seminar on June 19th and 20th and also for the Holiday Ornament Frenzy. Look for more details to be coming regarding them.

Thank you to Barbara for volunteering to help Suzanne out with Decorative Painting month and helping set up the display at the library in Concord.

The chapter has approved the purchase of a camera system to be used for seminars and paint ins. This will be a great tool for us especially during this pandemic. Thank you to Jann for doing all the research and getting it purchased for us.

We have scheduled our Annual Bunko Fundraiser to be held Saturday September 18th, which will be held again at the Church Gymnasium. Get those brushes and imaginations going for the raffle prizes. Our members have always been so generous in the past.

I would like to send out our deepest condolences to Jan V. and her family whose husband Doug passed away at the beginning of February.

Trish
President





MEMBERSHIP

The membership handbook and a roster sheet are being sent with the February newsletter. Since we are not meeting in person, you will have these electronically and can print them for your reference.

You can still invite friends, students, or anyone interested in decorative painting to join our chapter. There is no cost for chapter dues for 2021 and need to be a member of the National Society of Decorative Painters (SDP). A Toll Bridge Toler Membership Application available on our chapter website needs to be submitted for record keeping. Mail the membership application to: Toll Bridge Toler, 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



Our February 16th Zoom meeting program will be a recipe card holder with a Gnome chef taught by me. Base coating and painting instructions will be sent out by email to those who have signed up.



Our March program will be a Zoom meeting on Saturday, March 20th at 10:00. We will be painting back packs for children being removed from their homes and placed in foster care. All the backpacks on hand have been distributed, but Jann will be placing another order on February 18th. If you do not have a back pack yet, or you want more,

it's not too late! Call Jann or Marianne to order one or more. The back packs are lightweight and appropriate for children ages preschool to 10 years. Please start gathering patterns keeping in mind that age group. Jann suggests underpainting your design with an off white. You can use regular acrylic paint. The painting area is 7x12. You will need a piece of cardboard to place inside the backpack while painting.

Hope we have a good turnout.

*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 on June 19th and 20th. We selected to paint her gorgeous glass hummingbird feeder and glass Fall block. The block includes lights and beautiful autumn ribbon. The sign-up sheet is included in our newsletter. The registration and deposit are due by May 5, 2021. Tami recommends using good glass art brushes for basecoating. She said they are not expensive and can bring them for purchase. 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. Please contact Karen if you have any questions.

Annual Bunko Fundraiser 2021

The Bunko Fundraiser will be September 18th in the church gym. We are hopeful we will be able to gather, play bunko, enjoy lunch and raffle fabulous 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

Hi everyone. The Backpack project is in process. Thanks to all of you using your talent to help others. I have boxes to be painted. Call me if you need any. Stay safe.

Roz



WAYS AND MEANS

Liz L. won the January drawing. Jann donated a zentangle tin filled with kitchen items that included hand crochet dish cloths and scrubbers, an inked designed kitchen towel, a bar of soap and a recipe book. Luci F. is donating the February 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

January 19, 2021 by ZOOM

The meeting was called to order by Karen V. at 6:07 pm via Zoom with a quorum present. She advised Trish B.'s husband is home from the hospital and Trish thanks everyone for their prayers and support.

Treasurer's Report: Jann O, presented the 2021 budget to the membership for review and approval. She noted a ticket will be put in the basket for each member present for the special drawing prize. She has prepared and will send the 2020 treasurer's report to SDP along with a copy of the IRS and CA tax filings for 2020. Marianne S. will audit the treasurer's report and sign the document. Jann sent in the raffle permit application and \$20.00 fee for our Bunco fundraiser. The annual \$300.00 donation for use of the church facility was sent to Darlene S. and the 2021 web site hosting fee was paid as well as payment for a 5 year extension of our domain name registration. Jann asked that volunteers email her if they are willing to donate a drawing prize for the monthly special drawing. Karen V. will share her Zoom account with TBT at no charge to us. Kathy G. moved to accept the 2021 budget as presented, Holley Y. seconded the motion and it was approved.

Programs: Marianne S. reviewed the programs planned for 2021, most on Zoom. The February 16th program is a recipe holder taught by Marianne. The surfaces will be available for contact free pickup at either Jann's home or Karen's home. They will be left on the porch with an envelope for the \$2.00 fee and members were asked to sign the envelope so they know who paid. Marianne asked that she be texted if a member plans to participate and how many surfaces are wanted. She will send the project picture to Loretta M. for posting. Out of area members will be asked to pay postage as appropriate for mailed items.

The program for the March 20th Saturday meeting will be painting backpacks for foster children. The business meeting will start at 10:00 am followed by painting with others on Zoom or on your own. Karen has made fringed fleece blankets for the backpacks and Jann and Loretta offered to make more if needed. Jann has 24 backpacks and they will also be available on her and Karen's porches. There is no cost for this project. She asked that she be emailed with the number of backpacks members want to paint and any color preference and asked that the painted backpacks be returned by the end of April. If anyone has any Beanie Babies or similar items to include they would be welcomed.

The Tuesday, April 20th project is a pen and ink card taught by Karen who will mail the surface to participants. The meeting starts at 6:00 pm. The Saturday, May 15th meeting starts at 10:00 am with a short business meeting followed by a butterfly project taught by D.J. W. Provide your own surface.

June 19-20, 2021 is the Tami Carmody seminar at the Veteran's Hall in Martinez, both in person and via Zoom. The July picnic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 10th, location to be determined. The Saturday, August 14th meeting via Zoom starts at 10:00 am with a business meeting followed by Jann teaching a colored pencil pillow case at a cost of \$20.00 for the pillow case and pencils. A registration form will be included in the February newsletter.

Saturday, September 18th is the annual Bunco fundraiser at the church gym. Saturday, October 16th is the Christmas ornament frenzy at the Veteran's Hall in Martinez. Loretta, Karen and Jann will be the teachers. The Tuesday, November 16th regular meeting will be by Zoom or in person with a maple leaf door hanger project taught by Trish B. The December 11th annual Christmas luncheon will be at a location to be determined.

Membership: Karen welcomed new member Diana B. to her first meeting. There are no dues payable for 2021 but Karen would still like the membership forms sent to her. Karen advised our 25th anniversary celebration will be postponed to 2022.

Community Projects: Karen advised Roz B. has unpainted memory boxes available. The County has yet to ask for more painted boxes.

Decorative Painting Month: Suzanne O. and Barbara B. will take care of setting up our painting display at the Concord library next October.

New Business: Karen asked approval for Jann to spend up to \$3,000.00 for a camera system (camera, projector, screen, tripod, etc.) for TBT use. Holley moved we spend up to \$3,000.00 for this camera system. Loretta seconded the motion and it was approved.

Suzanne O. has several boxes of Bunco decorations in her shed and she needs them removed as she needs the storage space. Karen noted we have had several themes for Bunco and suggested we stop decorating and just go with tables as we have no storage space. She also suggested we hire a rental company to set up the tables. Holley moved, Suzanne seconded and it was approved that we dispose of the decorations. Suzanne, Barbara and Holley will clear out and toss most of the items. Karen advised she is still collecting Bunco prizes.

Special Drawing: Jann donated a kitchen themed basket for the drawing which was won by Liz L.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm



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

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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

Happy Birthday to Roz, Teri and Holley who celebrate their Birthday is the month of February.
And Happy Birthday to Jan, Jann, Rosemarie, Wendy, Vivian and DJ who celebrate their Birthday in the month of March.
Hope you all have a wonderful, special day celebrating YOU!



Holley
Sunshine



HOSPITALITY

Hi everyone. Well we are all in our places, with bright shiny faces. Trying to grin but the smiles are getting narrower. So happy for Karen's zoom. Cheers to you all. Hang in there!!

Barb B.
Hospitality



TBT 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

- February Regular meeting- Zoom Tuesday February 16, 2021 Marianne teaching recipe holder
- March Saturday meeting- Zoom Saturday March 20, 2021- Jann, painting backpacks for Foster children
- 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



MARKETPLACE

Agnes says she has a big box of painted ceramic rabbits. Momma's and babies for Easter. She does have a couple unpainted ones as well. She is cleaning out her holiday stash and would like to give them a new home. If you know of anyone who would like these please contact her. She can put them out on the porch for pick up.

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.



THE TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS

Are Proud To Present

Tami Carmody

June 19-20, 2021

Veteran's Hall – 930 Ward Street, MARTINEZ, CA

Zoom Option will also be available

10 AM – 4 PM



Surface Cost: \$27



\$28 includes ribbon and lights

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

All are welcome to attend this seminar. If you are a not a member of an SDP Chapter, then please add \$5.00 per event. Registration fees are listed below. **Registration and a minimum deposit of \$25 is due by Friday, May 7, 2021.** Remaining balance is due by Friday, June 4, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Vecchi at (925) 228-0409 or email karenvecchi@sbcglobal.net; or Connie Oakley at (925) 876-2790 or email oakley1@lml.gov.

REGISTRATION FEES	CHAPTER MEMBERS	NON CHAPTER MEMBERS
Saturday, 6/19 – Feeder (\$27 surface)	\$35 + \$27 = \$62	\$40 + \$27 = \$67
Sunday, 6/20 – Block (\$28 surface)	\$35 + \$28 = \$63	\$40 + \$28 = \$68
Amount Enclosed/Deposit:	\$	\$
Remaining Amount Due by 6/4:	\$	\$
Glass art paint brushes are recommended and will be available for purchase. They are not expensive.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would be interested in purchasing.	

NOTE: All persons registering for the seminar must use this registration form. Deposit or full payment must accompany registration form. All classes have a *No Smoking Policy*. Registration Fees are *not refundable but are transferable*. If the seminar is cancelled, all fees will be returned. Please bring your own lunch (or we can offer a sandwich order & pick-up), drink and general painting supplies.

Please make checks payable to **Toll Bridge Tolars** and send Registration Form and Fees to:

PO Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553-0267