

# The Painting



# Connection

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Years! I am looking forward to all the wonderful programs and Seminars we have planned for 2021. We will be starting out the year at our Monthly Meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 by Zoom. We are all getting used to this new way of getting together. I thank everyone for their patience and understanding while we charter these different times. Our Christmas Luncheon was a wonderful time with about 16 of us in attendance. We chatted and opened up our ornaments together. So many beautiful hand painted treasures. Thank you to everyone who participated. Lisa was able to surprise us with Liz Doran to join us (With help from her daughter in law Donna). Thank you to Karen and Roz for organizing and picking names for the special raffle prizes that were handed out. A wonderful collection of items from Shirley's stash. I posted some photos on our Facebook page of the Luncheon and ornaments. Please go take a look!

Luci wanted me to share with everyone how wonderful it was this year to hang ornaments painted by our painting friends, especially this year! It made her feel connected when she read their names on the back of the ornaments. That is so true. It was a very tough year but seeing them all on your tree connects us.

I hope some of you have had the opportunity to take advantage of the many online classes that have been offered through different websites and Facebook pages. I have watched and done a few and it is really nice to feel connected to our large painting community. Please feel free to share with our members if you hear of one that interests you. Take care and stay safe. Looking forward to the New Year.

*Trish*  
*President*



## MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues should be in but we will always take applications. There is no cost for the TBT chapter dues for 2021. But chapter members must be current members of the National Society of Decorative Painters (SDP). A Toll Bridge Tolerers (TBT) Membership Application needs to be submitted for record keeping. One is available in the October and December newsletters and on our chapter

website. 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 <http://www.decorativepainters.org>. You can call the Society if you need assistance or would prefer to provide a credit card to a person rather than online.

The handbook/chapter directory will be updated and emailed to members in the near future. Please contact me if you have any questions.

*Karen*

*VP Membership*



## **PROGRAMS**

As you know since early last year, we did not have any TBT meetings. Starting in January 2021 we will resume meetings via Zoom. Since there is a lot to cover at the January meeting, we will not have a program. However, the programs will resume starting in February with a cute Gnome recipe card holder taught by me.

Looking forward to seeing many smiling faces soon. Wishing everyone a Safe and Healthy New Year.

*Marianne*

*VP Programs*



## **SEMINARS AND EVENTS**

### **Seminars and Events**

Tami Carmody Seminar – June 19 and 20, 2021 at the Veteran's Hall in Martinez.

Bunko Luncheon & Fundraiser – September 18, 2021 in the church gym.

Holiday Ornament Frenzy – October 16, 2021 at the Veteran's Hall in Martinez.

### **Seminars**

We have a date with Tami Carmody to paint her gorgeous glass Fall block and glass hummingbird feeder. We will be painting with Tami on June 19th and 20th. We will have sign-ups in the near future with more information and the cost.

### **Bunko 2021**

Our 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. Keep your fingers crossed that we can hold this fun event.

### **Holiday Ornament Frenzy 2021**

The Holiday Ornament Frenzy will be October 16th. We are looking for 3 teachers to submit an ornament to teach that will take 2 hours or less to paint at the Frenzy. Teachers need to get permission to teach the project from the artist if it is not their original design. You can submit a picture of your ornament to Trish or Karen.

*Karen & Connie*

*Co-Seminar Chairs*

# TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

There was no monthly meeting held in December, due to our Christmas Luncheon.



## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

## SUNSHINE

Wishing Loretta a very Happy Birthday who celebrates her day in January.  
And Happy Birthday to Roz, Teri and Holley who celebrate their birthday in February.

Holley  
Sunshine



## HOSPITALITY

Here's hoping 2021 will bring us all back together! Meanwhile enjoy one another and stay safe!

Barb B.  
Hospitality



## **TBT 2021 IMPORTANT DATES**

January Regular meeting- Zoom Tuesday January 19,2021  
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 NEED Teacher  
June- Tami Carmody Seminar- June 19-20 2021- Either the church or 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  
October- Ornament Frenzy- Saturday October 16, 2021- TBD Veterans Hall(hopefully)  
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

## **MEMBER REQUEST/HELP**

Cathy McC. Is asking for someone to help Suzanne this year with setting up the Concord Library Display for Decorative Painters Month in October. If you can help, please let Trish or Suzanne know. Thank you!

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.

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January 19, 2021	Regular Tuesday Meeting ZOOM – Will be getting to know Zoom
February 16, 2021	Regular Tuesday Meeting ZOOM – Marianne teaching a recipe card holder
March 20, 2021	Saturday Meeting ZOOM or on own – Jann, Backpacks for Foster children
April 20, 2021	Regular Tuesday Meeting ZOOM – Karen Pen and Ink card
May 15, 2021	Saturday meeting ZOOM (could be in person) NEED TEACHER
June 19 & 20,2021	Tami Carmody Seminar (Hope to have at Veterans Hall in Martinez)
July 10,2021	Open for Picnic, social distancing- TBD on location
August 14, 2021	Saturday Meeting- Jann Colored Pencil pillow case
September 18,2021	Annual Bunko Fundraiser at Church Gymnasium
October 16, 2021	Ornament Frenzy Veterans Hall (Hopefully)
November 16,2021	Regular Tuesday Meeting – Trish Fall project
December 11,2021	Christmas Installation Luncheon TBD on location Either by Zoom or in person

\*\* Regular Tuesday meetings will begin at 6:00pm (as of right now. Might change if some can't make it)

\*\*Saturday Meetings will begin at 10:00am to 4:00pm

Seminars start time will be determined soon.